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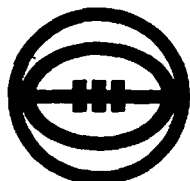
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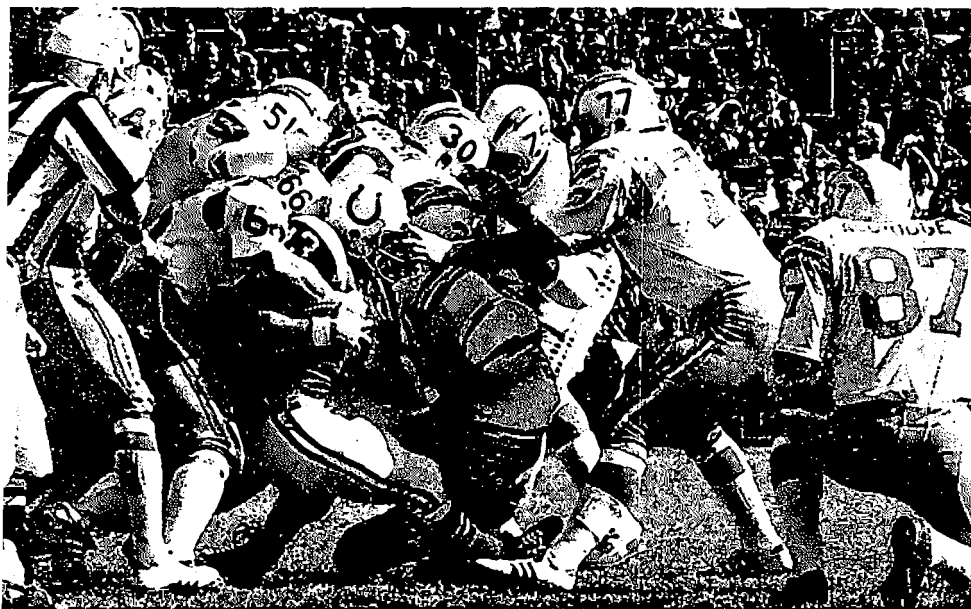
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# BALTIMORE COLTS



*Having that football will attract a crowd. Here Colt running back Don McCauley is stopped by a horde of San Diego Chargers.*

■ Everything's new in Baltimore this year, including owners and the head coach. But most significant to many loyal Colts fans is that for the first time since 1956, old number 19, Johnny Unitas is among the missing. Johnny U. led the Colts to four NFL titles, but a new era has dawned with General Manager Joe Thomas directing a movement that has eliminated many of the old faces in favor of young talent. That group is led by QB Marty Domres, who shoulders the direction of the Baltimore attack under new coach Howard Schnellenberger.

Most agree that defense is still the name of the game, and if big Bubba Smith can return from knee surgery in some semblance

of his former self to lead the pass rush, Baltimore still owns one of the premier defensive units around.

Even though the Baltimore "Who's Who" list of grid greats is made up primarily of former players, there are still enough legitimate stars on hand to turn the Colts into a contending team in what has suddenly become one of the tougher NFL divisions.

Blend in what Joe Thomas terms one of the best drafts he's ever been associated with, and one suspects Baltimore might live up to Thomas' expectation of "a very successful season." Just what "very successful" means to a team that won Super Bowl V, remains to be seen. ●

# Baltimore Veteran Roster

Pro						Pro					
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt	AgeYr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.
73	Amman, R	DE	6-5	234	22 2	23	McCauley, D	RB	6-1	207	23 3
79	Bailey, M	DT	6-6	255	24 4	57	Mendenhall, K	C	6-3	235	25 3
32	Curtis, M	LB	6-2	232	29 9	11	Mildren, J	S	6-1	199	23 2
14	Domres, G	QB	6-4	222	26 5	26	Mitchell, L	RB	5-11	204	24 2
35	Doughty, G	WR	6-2	204	23 3	84	Mitchell, T	TE	6-3	215	29 7
74	Drougas, T	T	6-4	257	23 2	88	Mosier, J	TE	6-3	220	25 3
52	Edmunds, R	LB	6-2	225	27 6	31	Munsey, N	CB	6-1	185	25 2
30	Franklin, W	WR	6-2	195	23 2	68	Nelson, D	T	6-5	260	27 4
17	Havrillak, S	WR	6-2	195	25 5	48	Nottingham, D	RB	5-10	210	23 3
83	Hendricks, T	LB	6-7	220	25 5	34	Nowatzke, T	RB	6-3	230	29 8
43	Hepburn, L	CB	5-11	180	25 3	80	O'Brien, J	WR			
85	Hilton, R	DE	6-6	240	30 9		Regner, T	-K	6-0	195	25 4
75	Hinton, C	DT	6-5	264	34 10		Regner, T	G	6-1	255	30 7
33	Hinton, E	WR	6-0	200	26 5	62	Ressler, G	G	6-3	250	30 9
	Hoaglin, F	C	6-4	250	30 9	2	Shlapak, B	K	6-0	165	23 2
61	Johnson, C	G	6-2	245	29 6	78	Smith, B	DE	6-7	265	29 8
44	Kern, R	S	6-1	190	24 4	28	Speyrer, C	WR	6-0	175	24 2
40	Laird, B	S	6-0	185	23 2	47	Stukes, C	CB	6-3	212	29 7
51	Laskey, B	LB	6-3	235	30 8	72	Vogel, B	T	6-5	250	31 11
49	Lee, D	P	6-4	230	29 8	21	Volk, R	S	6-3	195	28 7
56	May, R	LB	6-1	230	28 7	54	White, S	LB	6-1	225	23 2

## Baltimore Schedule

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November 18	.....at Washington	.....1:00 p.m.
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December 2	.....at New York Jets	.....1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....MIAMI	.....2:00 p.m.
December 16	.....NEW ENGLAND	.....2:00 p.m.

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# Baltimore Key Players



**MIKE CURTIS, LB, 6-2, 232, 9th Yr., Age 29, Duke**  
 Considered by many the premier middle linebacker in football. A No. 1 draft choice in 1965, after playing fullback as a collegian. Made four interceptions for 74 yards last season, including 21-yard TD return vs. Patriots. Has 15 career interceptions.

**MARTY DOMRES, QB, 6-4, 215, 5th Yr., Age 28, Columbia**  
 The new Colt QB who took over midway through last season and was impressive at times, completing 115 of 222 for 1,392 yards and 11 TD's. Has all the tools, and is expected to respond well to his first full season as a starter.



**SAM HAVRILAK, WR, 6-2, 195, 5th Yr., Age 25, Bucknell**  
 A running back for two seasons before given a shot at quarterback in 1971. Was switched back to running back and then wide receiver but caught only one pass in '71. Came on in '72 to finish as team's 2nd leading receiver with 33 catches for 571 yards, four for TD's.

**TED HENDRICKS, LB, 6-7, 220, 5th Yr., Age 25, Miami (Fla.)**  
 After a sensational year in '71, settled into steady performer last season, and has great future. Intercepted two passes for 13 yards last season and has 8 career interceptions. At 6-7, the "Mad Stork" is tallest linebacker in the business.



**BERT JONES, QB, 6-3, 205, 1st Yr., Age 22, LSU**  
 The first QB drafted this year, and the 2nd player taken in the draft. A consensus All-American (NEA, Kodak, Football News, UPI, Time and Sporting News). Son of former Cleveland Brown great, Dub Jones. Very strong with great arm ... holder of 20 LSU records.

**REX KERN, CB, 6-1, 190, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Ohio State**  
 Tremendous all-around athlete, drafted in 10th round after brilliant QB career at Ohio State. Was backup safety until winning corner job in 11th game of rookie season. Has played in every game since becoming a Colt. Still improving and with experience, is expected to be a long time performer in Colt secondary.



**BRUCE LAIRD, CB, 6-0, 185, 2nd Yr., Age 22, American Int.**  
 Another in a seemingly unending line of talented, young defensive backs in the Colt organization. Returned one pass interception last year for 31 yards. Was a 6th round draft choice by Baltimore in the 1972 draft. Led NFL as a rookie in kickoff returns.

**DAVID LEE, P, 6-4, 230, 7th Yr., Age 29, Louisiana Tech**  
 Signed as a free agent by Cleveland in 1965 and traded to the Colts in '65. Had sensational rookie season, punting for average of 42.1 and owns career average of 43.0 yards. Holds Colt record of 76 yards.





**RAY MAY, LB, 6-1, 230, 7th Yr., Age 28, So. California**

The starter on the right side since coming to the Colts in 1970 trade with Steelers. A self proclaimed "non-violent" man, still is reputed to be a hitter with great agility and quickness. Named Humanitarian of the Year by Players Association for work with children.

**DON McCAULEY, RB, 6-1, 207, 3rd Yr., Age 24, North Carolina**

A first round draft choice of the Colts in 1971, he started slow as rookie but came on strong as a starter in 1972. Finished the season as leading Colt rusher with 675 yards on 178 carries. Set four NCAA and 26 Atlantic Coast records as a collegian.



**TOM MITCHELL, TE, 6-3, 215, 7th Yr., Age 29, Bucknell**

His new coach says, "Possibly the premier all-around tight end in the game. A strong blocker and probably the best receiving tight end in the business. Was Baltimore's leading receiver last year and the 11th best in the AFC with 40 catches for 494 yards and four touchdowns.

**BUBBA SMITH, DE, 6-7, 265, 7th Yr., Age 28, Michigan State**

A powerful player, Bubba's specialty is harassing enemy quarterbacks with great pass rush. Received serious knee injury in 1972 and missed entire season. Appears to be fully recovered which is obvious key to Colt defensive line. Has great speed for size.



**RICH VOLK, DB, 6-3, 195, 7th Yr., Age 29, Michigan**

Perhaps the premier member of the heralded Baltimore secondary. Volk was a 2nd round draft choice in 1967. A consistent leader in interceptions, he has picked off four opponent passes in each of the past four years to run his career total to 28 interceptions for 461 yards.



## **Howard Schnellenberger** *Head Coach*

Named head coach of the Baltimore Colts February 14, 1973 after three years as Don Shula's head offensive coach with the Miami Dolphins. Schnellenberger had spent the previous four years under George Allen at Los Angeles. The Dolphins led the NFL in offense in 1972, accumulating

5,027 total yards and averaging 359 yards per game during their undefeated and World Championship season. Following a prep career at Louisville Flaget High School, he became an All-American end at the University of Kentucky under head coach Blanton Collier. He played for Hamilton of the Canadian Football League in 1956, served a year in the Army, then played the 1958 season for the British Columbia Lions in Canada. Schnellenberger began his coaching career on the Kentucky staff in 1961 under Blanton Collier. He joined Bear Bryant at Alabama and helped coach National Championship teams in 1984 and 1985. He accepted a position in Los Angeles in 1966 and remained with the Rams until he joined Shula in 1970. Schnellenberger and his wife, Beverlee Ann, have three sons—Stephen, Stuart and Tim.

# Baltimore 1972 Club Leaders

## RUSHING ATT. YDS. AVG. LONG TDS

McCauley ...	178	675	3.8	36	2
Nottingham ...	123	466	3.8	25	3
Mitchell, L. ...	45	215	4.8	14	1
Matte .....	22	137	4.1	18	0
Domres .....	30	144	4.8	15	1
Bulaich .....	27	109	4.2	18	1
Havrilaak .....	12	72	6.0	32	2

Volk .....	4	86	23	0
Logan .....	4	47	20	0

## KICKOFF RET. NO. YDS. AVG. LONG TDS

Laird .....	29	843	29.1	73	0
McCauley ...	13	377	29.0	93	1
Nottingham .	2	38	19.0	19	0
Bulaich .....	1	62	62.0	62	0

## PASSING ATT. COMP. PCT. YDS. TDS Int.

Domres ....	222	115	51.8	1392	11	6
Unitas .....	157	88	56.1	1111	4	6

## PUNT RET. NO. YDS. AVG. LONG TDS

Laird .....	34	303	8.9	42	0
Volk .....	5	25	5.0	8	0
Logan .....	4	20	5.0	7	0

## PASS REC. NO. YDS. AVG. LONG TDS

Mitchell, T.	40	494	12.3	34	4
Havrilaak	33	571	17.3	62	4
McCauley	30	256	8.5	34	2
Nottingham	25	191	7.6	27	0
Mitchell, L.	18	137	7.6	26	1
Matte	14	182	13.0	43	1
O'Brien	11	263	23.9	43	2
Hinton	11	146	13.3	63	1

## PUNTING NO. YDS. AVG. LONG

Lee .....	57	2400	42.1	60
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## SCORING TDR TDP TDS PAT FG PTS.

O'Brien	0	2	2	4	13	75
Havrilaak	2	4	6	0	0	36
McCauley	2	2	4	0	0	30
Nottingham	3	0	3	0	0	18
Mitchell, T.	0	3	3	0	0	18
Mitchell, L.	1	2	3	0	0	18

## INTERCEPTIONS NO. YDS. LONG TDS

Stukes .....	5	23	11	0
Curtis .....	4	74	33	1

# Baltimore All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Lenny Moore, with 1,069 carries for 5,176 yards	(1956-'87)
Alan Ameche, with 964 carries for 4,045 yards	(1955-'60)

## PASSING

*Johnny Unitas with 2,796 completions in 5,110 attempts for 39,768 yards and 287 TDs	'72 (1956-'72)
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## PASS RECEIVING

*Raymond Berry, with 630 receptions for 9,275 yards and 68 TDs	(1955-'87)
Lenny Moore, with 363 receptions for 6,039 yards and 50 TDs	(1956-'67)

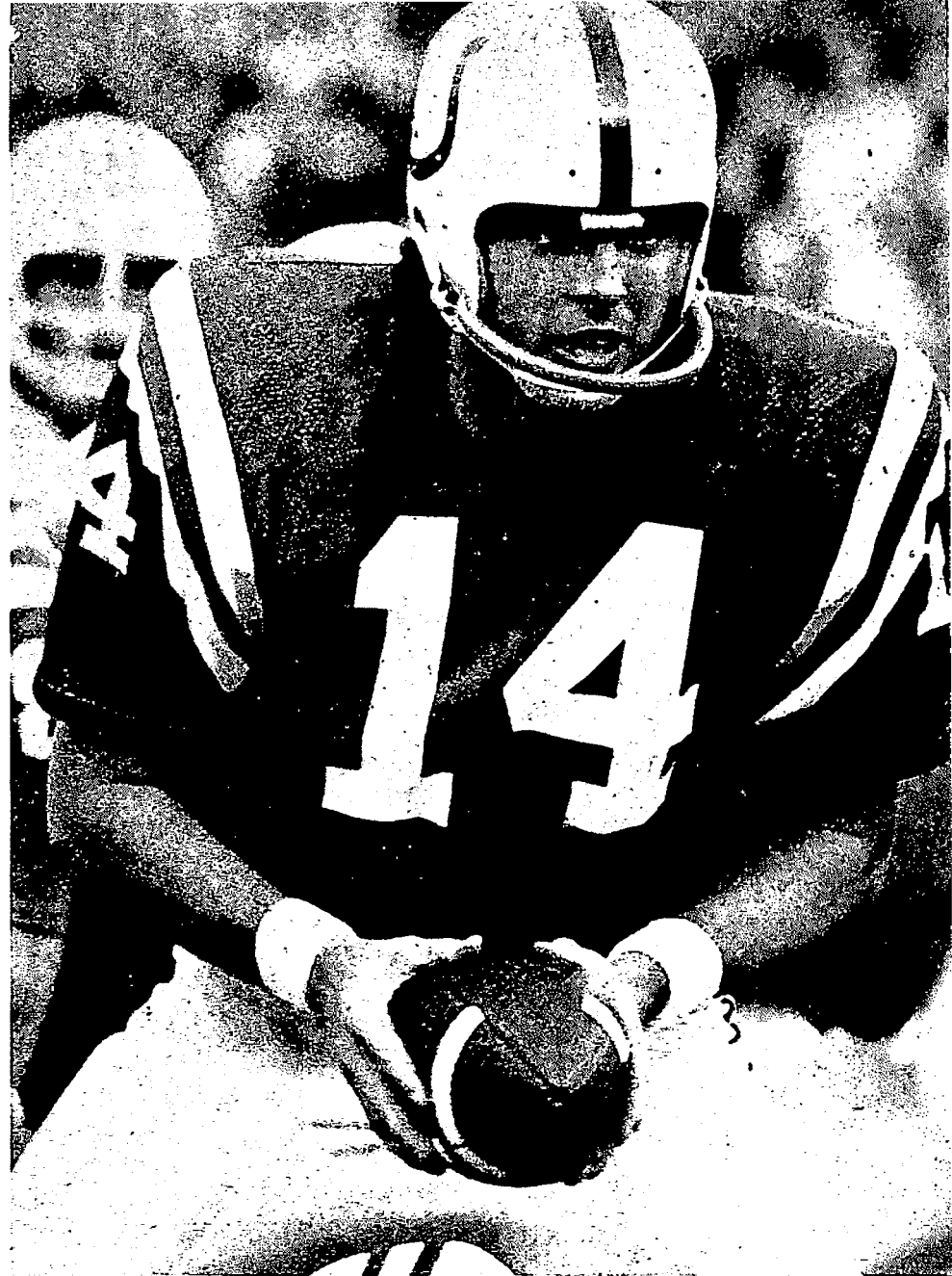
## INTERCEPTIONS

Bobby BBoyd, with 57	(1960-'68)
Don Shinnick, with 37	(1957-'68)

## SCORING

Lenny Moore, with 678 points	(1956-'87)
Lou Michaels, with 586 points	(1964-'69)

\*NFL all-time leader



*Marty Domres is key in Baltimore offensive plans as man of the future.*

# BUFFALO BILLS



*Defensive end Walt Patulski (85) and Don Croft converge on Redskin runner. Patulski is expected to lead Bills' front four.*

■ The Bills started their climb back to respectability with an excellent first year under Coach Lou Saban in 1972 with a 4-9-1 mark, including a season-ending win over Super Bowl bound Washington, a feat which started the "Wait'll next year" chant by the Bills' faithful.

And "next year" might prove most interesting as Saban has put together back-to-back drafts that have seemingly shored up the offensive and defensive lines to go with a potent attack featuring Dennis Shaw, O.J. Simpson and a pair of flashing receivers, J.D. Hill and Bob Chandler.

With greatly improved play up front, O.J. topped the 1,000 yard mark for the first time in his pro career, and went on to become

the most valuable player in the Pro Bowl game. Only three teams in the American Conference rushed for more yardage than the Bills last season. Line play, boosted by expected contribution of first round draft choice Paul Seymour, should give O.J. even more running room in 1973, and the Bills, with defensive improvement, just might be ready to make some noise in the AFC East.

Lou Saban, known for a strong running game and stout defense, brought Buffalo its only grid titles, winning AFL pennants in 1964 and 1965. Many close to the Bills feeling they are on their way back to enjoying championship status. ●

# Buffalo Bills Roster

					Pro						Pro		
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.		
60	Adams, B	G	6-2	250	23	2	37	Koy, T	RB	6-2	212	25	4
	Aldridge, A	DE	6-6	250	28	3	56	Lee, K	LB	6-4	232	24	3
34	Braxton, J	RB	6-2	237	23	3	3	Leyboldt, J	K	6-2	236	27	3
81	Chandler, B	WR	6-0	185	24	3	50	Lyman, J	LB	6-2	230	23	2
52	Chandler, E	Lb	6-3	222	27	6	67	McKenzie, R	G	6-4	235	23	2
	Chevunski,	LB	6-1	225	27	6	55	McKinley, B	LB	6-3	230	24	2
7	Clark, M	K	6-1	205	32	10		Montler, M	G	6-5	254	29	5
79	Costa, P	T	6-5	258	30	9	88	Okoniewski, S	DT	6-3	247	24	2
72	Croft, D	DT	6-3	252	24	2	30	Patrick, W	RB	6-1	246	27	6
63	Cunningham, D	LB	6-2	232	28	6	77	Patton, J	DT	6-3	250	27	2
35	Detwiler, C	S	6-5	254	29	5	85	Patulski, W	DE	6-6	252	23	2
57	Farley, D	LB	6-3	245	23	2	69	Penchion, B	G	6-5	255	23	2
78	Foley, D	T	6-5	255	25	4	48	Pitts, J	S	6-4	215	28	7
47	Garror, L	CB	6-0	180	25	2	61	Reilly, J	G	6-2	260	25	3
65	Goode, I	C	6-5	255	32	11	87	Ross, L	DE	6-7	243	26	3
74	Green, D	T	6-8	274	25	3	21	Saunders, J	S	6-3	202	23	2
43	Greene, T	CB	5-9	164	24	3	64	Selfridge, A	LB	6-4	218	24	2
28	Harrison, D	WR	6-2	178	24	3	16	Shaw, D	QB	6-3	217	26	4
10	Hart, L	QB	6-4	203	24	3	32	Simpson, O J.	RB	6-1	206	26	5
40	Hill, J	WR	6-1	195	24	3	58	Stratton, M	LB	6-3	224	32	12
33	Jackson, R	RB	6-0	220	24	2	42	Tyler, M	S	6-0	188	23	2
20	James, R	CB	6-1	189	26	5	86	Washington, D	LB	6-5	228	24	4
51	Jarvis, B	C	6-7	257	24	3	80	White, J	TE	6-2	225	24	3
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# Buffalo Key Players



**JIM BRAXTON, RB, 6-2, 226, 3rd Yr., Age 24, West Virginia**  
After an impressive rookie camp, was injured and never regained top form in 1971 season. Came back strong last year and was team's second leading rusher with 443 yards in 111 carries. Also caught 24 passes. Has fine size, quickness and blocking ability.

**BOB CHANDLER, WR, 6-0, 180, 3rd Yr., Age 24, So. California**  
Came into his own as a Buffalo receiver last season. Trade of Haven Moses to Denver gave him shot at being a starter and he responded with 33 catches for 528 yards and five touchdowns. Figures to be a solid starter this year.



**PAUL COSTA, Tackle, 6-5, 255, 9th Yr., Age 31, Notre Dame**  
Worked as a tight end for four years, before moving to tackle in 1969. Has been a starter there ever since. Only injuries have prevented his All-Pro recognition. Big, strong and quick, he's a fine blocker.

**J.D. HILL, WR, 6-1, 193, 3rd Yr., Age 23, Arizona State**  
The Bills' number one draft pick of '71, a real speed merchant with all the tools to be a great one. Missed part of rookie season with injury, but came back in 1972 to lead team in receiving with 52 catches for 754 yards and five touchdowns. Has solid future in NFL.



**ROBERT JAMES, CB, 6-2, 285, 5th Yr., Age 25, Flak**  
One of the league's premier bump-and-run defensive backs. Selected to All-Pro teams last season without making an interception, after leading Bills in interceptions in 1971. Excellent speed and a sure tackler.

**REGGIE MCKENZIE, Guard, 6-4, 235, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Michigan**  
An excellent offensive lineman who appears ready to make his mark in this, his second year in the NFL. Has outstanding speed and is exceptional at lead blocking. One of the key men in the rebuilt Buffalo offensive plans. A 2nd round draft choice in 1972.



**WALT PATULSKI, DE, 6-6, 252, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Notre Dame**  
The first man drafted in the 1972 collegiate draft. Although nagged by injuries, quickly won starting assignment and showed he will be a premier defensive lineman in the NFL for several years, barring injury. Named top college lineman in nation as a senior.

**DENNIS SHAW, QB, 6-2, 215, 4th Yr., Age 25, San Diego State**  
After three years, has established himself as solid NFL quarterback. Has career completion mark over 50 percent and in 1972, completed 136 of 258 for 1,666 yards and 14 TD's in run-oriented offense. Was rookie of the year in 1970.





**O.J. SIMPSON, RB, 6-2, 208, 5th Yr., Age 26, U.S.C.**

Finally had the year everyone was expecting, as he led all rushers in the NFL with 1,251 yards in ironman performance of 292 carries. Had longest run of 94 yards. Also caught 27 passes for 198 yards. Scored 6 touchdowns. Named MVP in Pro Bowl game.

**MIKE STRATTON, LB, 6-3, 241, 12th Yr., Age 32, Tennessee**

Has greatest longevity as member of Bills' squad. Was sidelined in 1970 with achilles tendon tear, but was solid performer in 71 and 72. Considered one of league's best blitzing linebackers. Frequent member of all-league squads.



**MAURICE TYLER, DB, 6-1, 190, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Morgan State**

One of several bright prospects to make the Bills' squad in 1972 who should be ready to make big contribution to rebuilding program. Has good speed and is hard hitter. Intercepted 4 passes for 61 yards last year.

**JAN WHITE, TE, 6-2, 216, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Ohio State**

Best blocking tight end Bills have ever had. Took over starting assignment in rookie season and has been there ever since. Has caught 25 passes for 278 yards in two seasons. Has excellent attitude and football sense.



**ALVIN WYATT, DB, 5-10, 182, 4th Yr., Age 25, Bethune-Cookman**

Joined Bills in 1971 from Oakland, and has been leading Buffalo punt and kickoff return man as well as excellent defensive back. Averaged 25.4 yards on kickoff returns and 7.7 yards on punt returns. Can play run as well as quick outside receivers.



**Lou Saban**  
*Head Coach*

This is the 13th season for Saban as head pro coach. Led Bills to AFL titles in 1964 and 1965, after a playing career with Cleveland Browns in the All-America Conference. Head coach of Boston in 1960 and part of 1961, was with Buffalo from 1962 through 1965, and was general manager

and head coach of Denver Broncos from 1967 to 1971. Played linebacker for Browns from 1946-49, served as defensive captain of four-time AFC champions. Single wing quarterback at Indiana in 1941 and 1942; team captain and MVP as a senior. During World War II, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the OSS. Saw duty in the China-Burma theater and became fluent in Chinese (Mandarin dialect). Head coach at Case Institute (1950-52), assistant at Washington (1953), assistant at Northwestern (1954), head coach at Western Illinois (1958-59) and head coach at Maryland (1966).

# Buffalo 1972 Club Leaders

## RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Simpson .....	292	1251	4.3	94	6
Braxton .....	111	443	4.0	21	5
Patrick .....	40	140	3.5	13	0
Shaw .....	35	138	3.9	16	0
Jackson .....	17	57	3.4	15	0
Chandler .....	3	27	9.0	16	0
Hart .....	5	19	3.8	16	0
Taliaferro ...	5	19	3.8	14	0

## PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.
Shaw	258	136	52.7	1666	14	17
Taliaferro	33	16	48.5	176	1	4
Hart	15	6	40.0	53	0	3
Simpson	8	5	62.5	113	1	0

## Pass Rec.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Hill .....	52	754	14.5	58	5
Chandler ....	33	528	16.0	43	5
Simpson .....	27	198	7.3	25	0
Braxton .....	24	232	9.7	25	1
White .....	12	148	12.3	18	2
Patrick .....	8	42	5.3	10	1
Moses .....	3	60	20.0	25	1

## INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Lee .....	6	155	25.8	61	1
Tyler .....	4	61	15.3	27	0

Wyatt .....	4	52	13.0	49	1
Greene .....	3	45	15.0	39	1

## KICKOFF RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Wyatt .....	17	432	25.4	43	0
Cole .....	16	415	25.9	51	0
Greene .....	15	378	25.2	66	0
Koy .....	5	63	12.6	25	0
Selfridge .....	3	36	12.0	16	0
Hill .....	2	32	16.0	26	0

## PUNT RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Wyatt .....	11	85	7.7	27	0
Cole .....	7	35	5.0	12	0
Hill .....	4	24	6.0	12	0

## PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Jones .....	80	3104	38.8	67

## SCORING

	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FGPTs.
Leyboldt	0	0	0	29	16 77
Braxton	5	1	6	0	0 36
Simpson	6	0	6	0	0 36
Hill	0	5	5	0	0 30
Chandler	0	5	5	0	0 30
White	0	2	2	0	0 12

# Buffalo All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Wray Carlton with 819 carries for 3,368 yards and 22 TDs.	(1960-'67)
O.J. Simpson with 776 carries for 3,178 yards and 18 TDs.	(1969-'72)

## PASSING

Jack Kemp with 1,040 completions in 2,238 attempts for 15,138 yards and 97 TDs.	(1962-'69)
Dennis Shaw with 463 completions in 870 attempts for 5,986 yards and 35 TDs.	(1970-'72)

## PASS RECEIVING

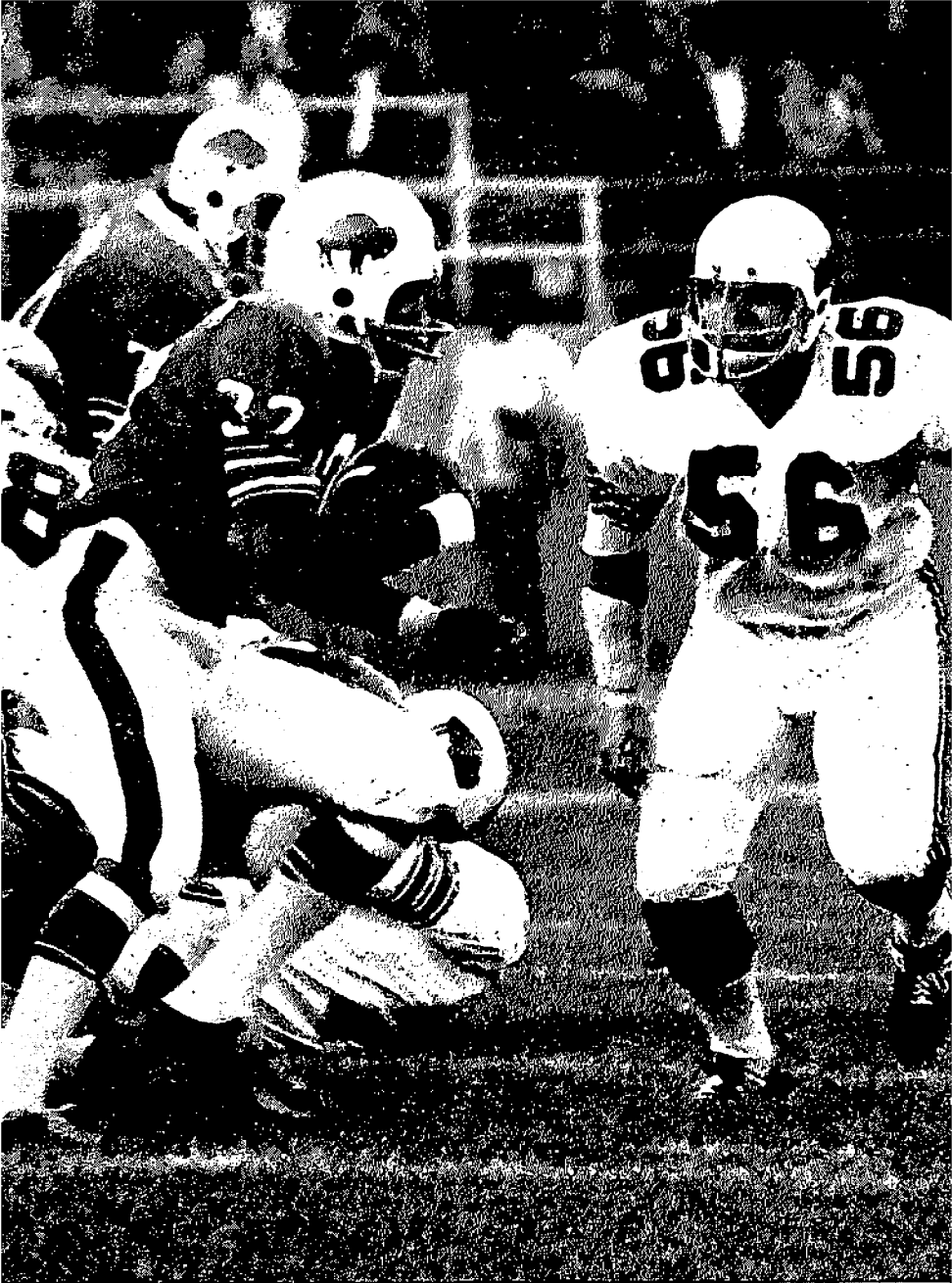
Elbert Dubenion, with 294 receptions, 5,294 yards, 35 TDs	(1960-'67)
Glenn Bass, with 162 receptions, 2,789 yards, 17 TDs	(1961-'66)

## INTERCEPTIONS

George (Butch) Byrd, with 40	(1964-'71)
Booker Edgersen, with 23	(1962-'66)

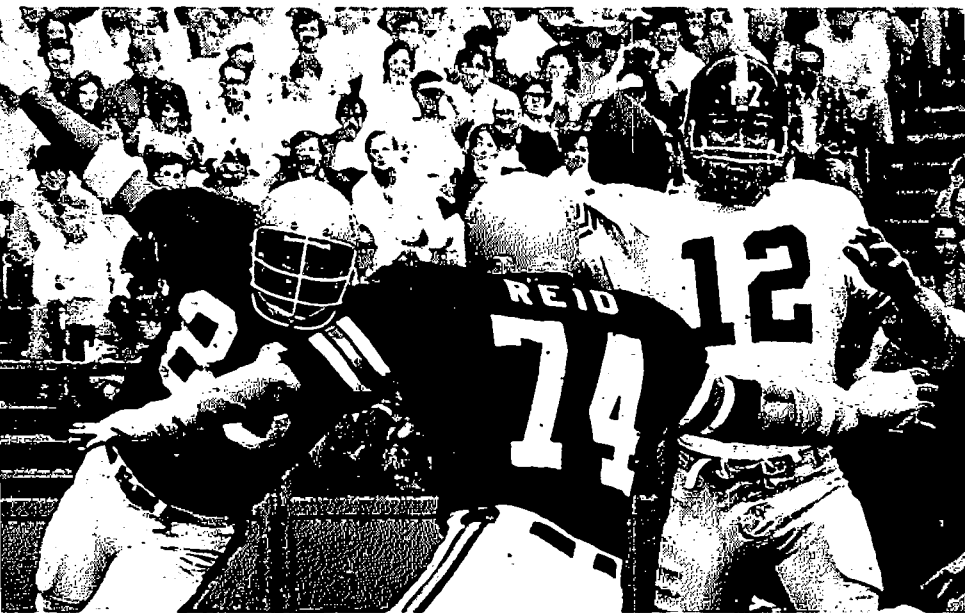
## SCORING

Cookie Gilchrist, with 248 points	(1962-'64)
Elbert Dubenior, with 234 points	(1960-'67)
Pete Gogolak, with 217 points	(1964-'65)



*O.J. Simpson racing through Eagle defense on his way to NFL rushing title.*

# CINCINNATI BENGALS



*All-pro defensive lineman Mike Reid and teammate Sherman White close in on Pittsburgh's Terry Bradshaw.*

■ Someone forgot to tell the Cincinnati Bengals that expansion teams aren't supposed to be contenders so early in their existence. After floundering for two seasons, Paul Brown took his team to the AFC Central title in 1970, losing in the playoffs. Then, after a 4-10 mark in '71, Cincinnati was right back in the thick of things last year, finishing with an 8-6 mark and causing plenty of problems for teams with championship aspirations.

The steady improvement, in spite of serious quarterback problems, can be traced to a rapidly improving defense. In fact, only the World Champion Miami Dolphins yielded fewer total yards in the AFC last season than did the Bengals, and if the

offense can start to catch up, look for Cincinnati to be right there bidding for a playoff spot when December rolls around.

To spruce up the attack, Brown emphasized the offense ... particularly the passing game ... in the 1973 collegiate draft when he went for receivers in the first three rounds, to go with five running backs, two quarterbacks and an offensive lineman. Cincinnati also took three defensive backs and a pair of defensive linemen.

Always a stickler for fundamental football, Paul Brown's 1972 squad also led the entire NFL in punt return yardage, while allowing the fewest yards in punt returns of any AFC team. ●

# Cincinnati Veteran Roster

					Pro						Pro
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.
52	Adams, D.	LB	6-1	222	24	3	18 Joiner, C.	WR	5-11	188	25
14	Anderson, K.	QB	6-2	211	24	3	78 Jones, W.	DT	6-1	260	30
51	Avery, K.	LB	6-0	227	29	7	56 Kearney, T.	LB	6-2	227	24
58	Beauchamp, A.	LB	6-2	237	29	6	24 Kellermann, E.	S	6-0	183	28
66	Bergey, B.	LB	6-3	243	27	5	87 Kelly, M.	TE	6-3	222	25
82	Berry, R.	DE	6-4	250	27	5	68 Lawson, S.	G	6-3	265	24
89	Buie, D.	WR	6-0	185	26	5	55 LeClair, J.	LB	6-2	226	23
70	Carpenter, R.	DE	6-5	261	25	4	15 Lewis, D.	P-QB	6-2	225	27
11	Carter, V.	QB	6-0	192	27	6	73 Matson, P.	G	6-0	245	29
37	Casanova, T.	S	6-2	202	22	2	71 Mayes, R.	G	6-5	260	25
79	Chomyszak, S.	DT	6-6	269	29	7	26 Morrison, R.	RB	6-0	207	27
12	Cook, G.	QB	6-4	215	25	2	16 Muhlmann, H.	K	6-0	219	33
88	Coslet, B.	TE	6-3	227	26	5	25 Myers, C.	WR	6-5	210	28
34	Craig, N.	S	6-1	191	25	3	20 Parrish, L.	CB	5-11	184	25
50	DeLeone, T.	C-G	6-2	252	23	2	53 Peterson, B.	LB	6-3	228	28
63	Dennis, G.	G	6-2	255	26	5	30 Phillips, J.	RB	6-1	205	26
44	Dressler, D.	RB	6-2	228	25	4	60 Pritchard, R.	LB	6-1	235	26
29	Durko, S.	S	6-2	180	24	3	74 Reid, M.	DT	6-3	255	26
72	Fest, H.	T	6-6	262	27	6	13 Riley, K.	CB	5-11	181	25
76	Holland, V.	T	6-6	268	25	3	64 Shinnars, J.	G	6-3	255	26
23	Jackson, B.	CB	6-0	173	23	2	17 Thomas, S.	WR	6-1	170	25
54	Johnson, B.	C	6-5	262	26	6	84 Trumpy, B.	WR	6-6	228	27
19	Johnson, E.	RB	5-10	201	26	6	75 Walters, S.	T	6-6	270	24
80	Johnson, K.	DT	6-6	265	25	3	83 White, S.	DE	6-5	255	24

## Cincinnati Schedule

September 16	.....at Denver	2:00 p.m.
September 23	.....HOUSTON	1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....at San Diego	1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....CLEVELAND	1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....PITTSBURGH	1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....KANSAS CITY	4:00 p.m.
October 28	.....at Pittsburgh	4:00 p.m.
November 4	.....at Dallas	1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....NEW YORK JETS	1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....ST. LOUIS	1:00 p.m.
December 2	.....MINNESOTA	1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....at Houston	1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# Cincinnati Key Players



**KEN ANDERSON, QB, 6-2, 211, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Augustana**  
Talented QB who has developed exceptional poise and knowledge of the game in two seasons. Set Bengal records for most passing yards (1,918) and total offense (2,009) in 1972. Won starting job last season, and had lowest interception percentage of any QB in NFL.

**BILL BERGEY, MLB, 6-3, 243, 5th Yr., Age 28; Arkansas State**  
Big, rugged, a hitter with exceptional speed for man of his size. Gives good pass coverage. Slowed by injuries in 1972 but is fully recovered. Voted team's MVP in 1970. Could be one of best at his position with injury free season.



**TOMMY CASANOVA, DB, 6-2, 202, 2nd Yr., Age 22, LSU**  
Had splendid rookie season. Made NFL All-Rookie team and was selected as MVP Bengal by fans. Gives Bengals the long-gainer on punt returns and finished 2nd in the AFC (5th in NFL) with 30 returns for 289 yards, including 66-yard TD return vs. Denver.

**DOUG DRESSLER, RB, 6-1, 226, 4th Yr., Age 25, Chico State**  
Took over starting job in mid-season and led Bengal ball carriers in per try average with 4.4 mark on 465 yards on 128 carries. Scored 6 TD's, five by rushing. Went over 100-yard mark in Houston game. Also caught 39 passes for 348 yards.



**VERNON HOLLAND, Tackle, 6-6, 270, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Tennessee St.**  
A fine blocker and pass protector, moved into starting job at mid-season and showed steady improvement. Has appeared in all 28 games since becoming a pro. Paul Brown tabs him to become one of NFL's top offensive linemen.

**BOB JOHNSON, C, 6-5, 261, 6th Yr., Age 26, Tennessee**  
Has been Bengal starter all five years of club's existence. Named to UPI, AFC all-star team in 1972. First college player ever drafted by Bengals. Strong blocker, highly intelligent, and a dedicated worker. Among top NFL centers.



**ESSEX JOHNSON, RB, 5-10, 197, 6th Yr., Age 26, Grambling**  
Bengals top rusher in 1972 with 825 yards on 232 carries. Also caught 29 passes for 420 yards. Scored 6 touchdowns. Is team's "big play" man and beat Kansas City last season with 65-yard TD pass-run play. Tremendous speed, acceleration and balance.

**PAT MATSON, Guard, 6-0, 245, 8th Yr., Age 29, Oregon**  
Played every offensive play of 1972 and has been starter for five years. Only player left on Bengal squad from AFL's 1968 allocation draft. Is Bengal player representative. A hard worker and effective blocker. Weight-lifting advocate.





**HORST MUHLMANN, Kicker, 6-1, 210, 5th Yr., Age 33, No College**  
Kicked five field goals in 1972's 15-10 win over Steelers, the third time he has performed feat in career. Scored 111 points last season, tops in Cincinnati history. Exceptionally strong leg, good from long distances. Outstanding soccer player in Europe.

**CHIP MYERS, WR, 6-5, 210, 6th Yr., Age 29, N.W. Oklahoma**  
Broke both arms in 1971, but came back to finish 2nd in the AFC last season in receiving. Caught 57 passes for 792 yards and 3 touchdowns. Averaged 13.9 per catch. Good hands and fine speed, he specializes in the tough catch and played in last season's Pro Bowl.



**LEMAR PARRISH, CB, 5-11, 184, 4th Yr., Age 25, Lincoln, U.**  
Top-flight corner and kick returner. Tied NFL record with two interceptions for touchdowns in last year's 61-17 rout of Houston. Has had 17 interceptions in three seasons with Bengals. Led team in kickoff returns with 23.2 average, and averaged 10 yards on 15 punt returns.

**MIKE REID, DT, 6-3, 258, 4th Yr., Age 24, Penn State**  
Bengals All-Pro defensive tackle. Named to all-star teams by AP, UPI, NEA, Pro Football Weekly and Football News. Had outstanding Pro Bowl game. Sacked Kansas City QB five times in 23-16 Bengal win. One of top pass rushers in the game.



**BOB TRUMPNY, WR, 6-6, 228, 6th Yr., Age 27, Utah**  
Had career high of 44 pass catches last season, despite missing last three games with leg injury. Was Bengals' leading receiver in 1971 with 40 catches for 511 yards. Selected All-AFC tight end in 1970. Frequent participant in all-star games.



## **Paul Brown** *Head Coach*

A member of the Professional Football Hall of Fame, he returned to professional coaching in 1968 following a five-year interval which had begun when he ended his connection with the Cleveland Browns. Began pro coaching career in 1946 in All-America Conference and won league championship four straight years, continuing as a league champion in 1950 when the Browns moved into the National Football League. In fourteen NFL seasons, won seven divisional titles and three league championships while compiling a 123-45-5 won-lost record. Lifetime mark in pros, three leagues, 185-90-9. Developed such players as Otto Graham and Jimmy Brown. Now in his 38th year of coaching. Began with Massillon High School in Ohio in 1932, remaining until 1940 and compiling 80-8-2 record. At Ohio State from 1941 through 1943 and had 18-8-1 record and then moved on to Great Lakes Naval Station, where a 15-5-2 record was put together in 1944 and 1945.



# Cincinnati 1972 Club Leaders

## RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
E. Johnson ..	232	825	3.6	19	4
Dressler .....	128	465	4.4	43	6
Phillips .....	48	207	4.3	20	1
Willis .....	42	127	3.0	12	0
Robinson .....	21	94	4.4	15	0
Anderson .....	24	91	3.8	18	3
Carter .....	13	63	4.8	14	2

Adams .....	3	44	14.7	19	0
Riley .....	3	0	0.0	0	0
Craig .....	2	76	38.0	63	1

## KICKOFF RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Jackson .....	21	499	22.7	62	0
Parrish .....	15	348	23.2	45	0
Joiner .....	5	88	17.6	25	0

## PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.
Anderson	301	171	56.8	1,918	7	7
Carter	82	47	57.3	579	3	4

## PUNT RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Casanova .....	30	289	9.6	66	1
Parrish .....	15	141	9.4	51	1

## PASS REC.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Myers .....	57	792	13.9	42	3
Trumpy .....	44	500	11.4	38	2
Dressler .....	39	348	8.9	33	1
E. Johnson ..	29	420	14.4	65	2
Thomas .....	17	95	5.6	18	1
Phillips .....	10	50	5.0	15	0
Willis .....	9	46	5.1	16	0
Joiner .....	8	133	16.6	25	0

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Lewis .....	65	2776	42.8	60

## SCORING

	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	PTs
Muhlmann	0	0	0	30	27	111
Dressler	6	1	7	0	0	42
E. Johnson	4	2	6	0	0	36
Anderson	3	0	3	0	0	18
Myers	0	3	3	0	0	18
Parrish	0	0	3	0	0	18
Carter	2	0	2	0	0	12
Trumpy	0	2	2	0	0	12

## INTER-

## CEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Casanova .....	5	108	21.6	33	0
Parrish .....	5	90	18.0	33	2

# Cincinnati All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Paul Robinson, with 2,441 yards on 617 carries and 19 TDs (1968-'72)

## PASSING

Virgil Carter with 328 completions in 582 attempts, 3,850 yards and 22 TDs (1970-'72)

## PASS RECEIVING

Bob Trumpy, with 187 receptions for 2,965 yards, 17 TDs (1968-'72)

## INTERCEPTIONS

Lemar Parrish with 17 (1970-'72)  
Ken Riley with 13 (1969-'71)

## SCORING

Horst Muhlmann, with 390 points (1969-'72)  
Paul Robinson, with 120 points (1968-'72)



*Cincinnati Bengals' punter Dave Lewis puts toe to football.*

# CLEVELAND BROWNS



*Bo Scott, in his fifth year after four years in Canadian ball, teams with Leroy Kelly to give Browns fine one-two punch.*

■ The injuries have healed, additional firepower has been supplied for the offense and the Cleveland Browns are preparing for another campaign. Objective: the NFL post-season activity for the third consecutive year.

The Browns' qualification for the 1972 playoffs as the AFC wild card team was a noteworthy accomplishment in view of what they had endured early in the way of injuries. Only the masterful patching and improvising of Head Coach Nick Skorich and his staff turned impending disaster into remarkable success.

Eight victories in the final nine games, followed by a narrow playoff loss to Miami's eventual Super Bowl champions, was hailed throughout the league as one of the more impressive accomplishments of the season.

Quarterback Mike Phipps stepped into a starting role after two years of seasoning, and quickly established himself as the Brown quarterback of the present and the future. Leroy Kelly heads an impressive running attack, and the Browns appear solid in all other departments of the offensive unit.

Defensively, no team can expect to again have the rash of injuries that decimated the Browns' front four. Walter Johnson and Jerry Sherk make one of the better tackle tandems. Four knee surgery victims return at end. Just having all bodies back will make the Cleveland defense formidable, and the Browns figure to be right back at the same old stand . . . knocking on the playoff door. ●

# Cleveland Veteran Roster

Pro					Pro				
No. Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	No. Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.
52 Andrews, B.	LB	6-0	220	28 7	58 Kingrea, R.	LB	6-1	233	24 3
84 Briggs, B.	DT	6-4	258	28 6	19 Lefear, B.	RB	5-11	197	23 2
23 Brooks, C.	CB	6-1	190	24 2	51 Lindsey, D.	LB	6-2	223	30 9
30 Brown, K.	RB	5-10	203	27 4	53 Long, M.	LB	6-0	228	26 2
63 Carollo, J.	T	6-2	265	33 12	24 Majors, B.	S	6-1	193	24 2
12 Cockcroft, D.	K	6-1	195	28 6	78 McKay, B.	T	6-5	260	25 4
64 Copeland, J.	C	6-2	243	28 7	89 Morin, M.	TE	6-4	236	30 8
27 Darden, T.	CB	6-2	195	23 2	62 Morris, C.	T	6-3	250	23 2
28 Davis, B.	CB	5-11	180	27 6	68 Pena, B.	G	6-2	250	24 2
61 DeMarco, B.	C	6-2	248	34 13	15 Phipps, M.	QB	6-3	208	25 4
65 Demarie, J.	G	6-3	246	28 7	25 Pitts, F.	WR	6-3	199	29 9
73 Dieken, D.	T	6-5	254	24 3	42 Richardson, G.	WR	6-2	200	31 7
50 Garlington, J.	LB	6-1	218	27 6	81 Roman, N.	DE	6-3	244	25 4
83 Glass, C.	TE	6-4	235	26 5	35 Scott, B.	RB	6-3	215	30 5
59 Hall, C.	LB	6-3	220	24 3	22 Scott, C.	CB	6-0	180	24 3
43 Hooker, F.	WR	6-1	190	26 5	72 Sherk, J.	DT	6-4	258	25 4
11 Horn, D.	QB	6-2	195	28 7	88 Snidow, R.	DE	6-3	247	31 11
87 Jackson, R.	DE	6-3	255	32 8	85 Staroba, P.	WR	6-3	204	24 2
71 Johnson, W.	DT	6-4	265	30 9	29 Sumner, W.	S	6-1	195	26 5
80 Jones, J.	DE	6-6	250	25 2	79 Wright, G.	DT	6-3	265	26 3
44 Kelly, L.	RB	6-0	202	31 10	67 Wycinsky, C.	G	6-3	243	25 2

## Cleveland Schedule

September 16	BALTIMORE	1:00 p.m.
September 23	at Pittsburgh	1:00 p.m.
September 30	NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00 p.m.
October 7	at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
October 15	MIAMI (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
October 21	HOUSTON	1:00 p.m.
October 28	SAN DIEGO	1:00 p.m.
November 4	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
November 11	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
November 18	at Oakland	1:00 p.m.
November 25	PITTSBURGH	1:00 p.m.
December 2	at Kansas City	3:00 p.m.
December 9	CINCINNATI	1:00 p.m.
December 16	at Los Angeles	1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# Cleveland Key Players



**DON COCKROFT**, Kicker, 6-1, 195, 6th Yr., Age 28, Adams State  
One of the few combination placekicker-punters in pro football, Don's coming off his best season. Was the NFL's most accurate field goal man with 22 of 27, including a 57-yarder vs. Denver for the second longest in league history. Was named the NFL's all-star punter.

**TOM DARDEN**, DB, 6-2, 195, 2nd Yr., Age 22, Michigan  
Browns' first round draft choice who was immediate success at free safety. Tied for club lead in interceptions with three for 64 yards in returns. Also returned 15 punts. Has excellent speed and is regarded as sure tackler.



**BOB DEMARCO**, Center, 6-2, 250, 13th Yr., Age 35, Dayton  
Veteran center who was acquired from Miami early in the 1972 season. Started pro career in 1961 as offensive guard with St. Louis. Has also been with Steelers. Valuable performer who has three times been picked for Pro Bowl.

**FAIR HOOKER**, WR, 6-1, 190, 5th Yr., Age 26, Arizona State  
Finished 1972 season with 32 catches for 441 yards for second place on club behind Frank Pitts. Led team in receptions in 1971. Described as running "picture patterns" by Coach Nick Skorich. Has been starter since Paul Warfield's departure.



**WALTER JOHNSON**, DT, 6-4, 265, 9th Yr., Age 30, Cal. State-L. A.  
One of the two Brown defensive linemen to play in all 14 games last season. Solid performer. Coach Nick Skorich says, "Walter's the guy who holds our front four together." Not as flashy as some, but is equally effective against the run or pass.

**LEROY KELLY**, RB, 6-0, 202, 10th Yr., Age 31, Morgan State  
Now the 4th leading rusher in NFL history with 6,885 yards in nine pro seasons. Only players ahead of him on the all-time list are Jim Brown, Jim Taylor and Joe Perry. Had 811 yards in 224 carries last year, and added 24 pass catches for 204 yards.



**MILT MORIN**, TE, 6-4, 236, 8th Yr., Age 30, Massachusetts  
Shares time with Chip Glass, but got lions share of the work in 1972, finishing with 30 catches for 540 yards. Has a 7-year career total of 3,442 yards in receptions. Considered to be a versatile player with equal skills at receiving, running after a catch, and blocking.

**MIKE PHIPPS**, QB, 6-3, 208, 4th Yr., Age 25, Purdue  
Led Browns to 10 wins in 13 games after taking over starting job in 1972. With a strong arm, is poised under pressure and the Brown's QB of the present as well as future. Completed 144 of 305 passes last season for 1,994 yards and 13 TD's. A fine leader.





**FRANK PITTS, WR, 6-2, 199, 9th Yr., Age 29, Southern U.**

The team's leading receiver in 1972 with 36 catches for 620 yards and 8 touchdowns. Has the great speed to get deep and outrun most defenders. Only three NFL receivers, Gene Washington and Ted Kwalick of 49ers and Rich Caster of Jets, caught more TD passes.

**CLARENCE SCOTT, DB, 6-0, 180, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Kansas State**  
Cleveland's first round draft choice in 1971; and was instant success, winning starting cornerback position. Great speed, quickness and fine reactions. Had four interceptions in rookie season.



**ROBERT (BO) SCOTT, RB, 6-3, 215, 5th Yr., Age 30, Ohio State**  
Joined Browns in 1969 after four seasons in Canadian League, giving team fine one-two punch with Kelly. Rushed for 571 yards on 123 attempts in 1972, adding 23 pass receptions for another 172 yards. Needs less than 50 yards to hit 2,000-yard rushing mark for career.

**JERRY SHERK, DT, 6-4, 260, 4th Yr., Age 25, Oklahoma State**  
The second round draft choice by Browns in 1970, won starting role as a rookie and has been fixture at that spot since. Started all 14 games in 1972, and in 1971, recorded two pass interceptions. Big, strong and agile, is fine pass rusher.



**WALT SUMNER, DB, 6-1, 195, 5th Yr., Age 26, Florida St.**  
Fine safetyman has been an important cog in the Browns' secondary for last couple of years, showing marked improvement each campaign. Came up with five interceptions to lead club in 1971 after making four previous year.



### **Nick Skorich** *Head Coach*

Joined Cleveland staff as assistant to Blanton Collier in 1964 after serving as head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles from 1961-1963. Coached Cleveland defensive line 1964-67, and Browns' overall offense, 1968-70. Is third head coach in Cleveland history. Considered by many to have turned in one of league's top coaching jobs in 1972, leading team into playoffs after fine 10-4 season, despite numerous crippling injuries. Coaching career started at Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School after playing as a guard with Steelers 1946-48. Graduated from U. of Cincinnati where he played varsity 1940-43, followed by three years of service. Head coach at Rensselaer Poly 1953; line coach at Pittsburgh Steelers 1954-57. Offensive coach Green Bay Packers 1958, offensive coach Philadelphia Eagles 1959-60. (Eagles won NFL title in 1960). Born June 26, 1921 at Bellaire, Ohio. Lives in Brecksville, Ohio, with wife Teresa, and two daughters, Joanne Marie and Paula Jean.

# Cleveland 1972 Club Leaders

<b>RUSHING</b>	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	<b>KICKOFF RET.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Kelly .....	224	811	3.6	18	4	Brown .....	20	473	23.7	47	0
B. Scott .....	123	571	4.6	27	2	Lefear .....	6	138	23.0	29	0
Phipps .....	60	256	4.2	17	5	Morrison .....	3	67	22.3	32	0
Brown .....	32	114	3.6	14	2	Majors .....	10	222	22.2	40	0
Pitts .....	3	29	9.2	13	0	Johnson .....	2	33	16.5	24	0
Lefear .....	3	6	2.0	4	0						
Cornell .....	7	8	1.1	7	0						

<b>PASSING</b>	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.	<b>PUNT RET.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Phipps	305	144	47.2	1,994	13	16	Sumner .....	1	14	14.0	14	0
Nelsen	31	14	45.2	141	0	3	Kelly .....	5	40	8.0	14	0
							Majors .....	16	96	6.0	41	0
							Darden .....	15	61	4.1	37	0

<b>PASS REC.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Pitts .....	36	620	17.2	80	8
Hooker .....	32	441	13.8	43	2
Morin .....	30	540	18.0	36	1
Kelly .....	23	204	8.9	28	1
B. Scott .....	23	172	7.5	30	0
Brown .....	5	64	12.8	19	0
Glass .....	5	61	12.2	24	0

<b>PUNTING</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Cockroft .....	81	3,498	43.2	65

<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Darden .....	3	64	21.3	20	0
Davis .....	3	10	3.3	10	0
Roman .....	1	36	36.0	36	1
Briggs .....	1	16	16.0	16	0
Hall .....	1	12	12.0	12	0
Garlington .....	1	10	10.0	10	0

<b>SCORING</b>	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT.	FG	PTS
Cockroft	0	0	0	28	22	94
Pitts	0	8	8	0	0	48
Phipps	5	0	5	0	0	30
Kelly	4	1	5	0	0	30
Brown	2	0	2	0	0	12
Hooker	0	2	2	0	0	12
B. Scott	2	0	2	0	0	12

# Cleveland All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

\*Jimmy Brown, with 2,359 carries for 12,312 yards and 106 TDs (1957-'65)  
 Leroy Kelly, with 1,595 carries for 6,885 yards and 71 TDs (1964-'72)

## PASSING

Frank Ryan, with 907 completions in 1,755 attempts for 13,361 yards and 134 TDs (1962-'68)  
 Otto Graham, with 872 completions in 1,565 attempts for 13,499 yards and 88 TDs (1950-'55)

## PASS RECEIVING

Gary Collins, with 331 receptions for 5,299 yards, 70 TDs (1961-'71)  
 Ray Renfro, with 281 receptions for 5,508 yards, 50 TDs (1952-'63)

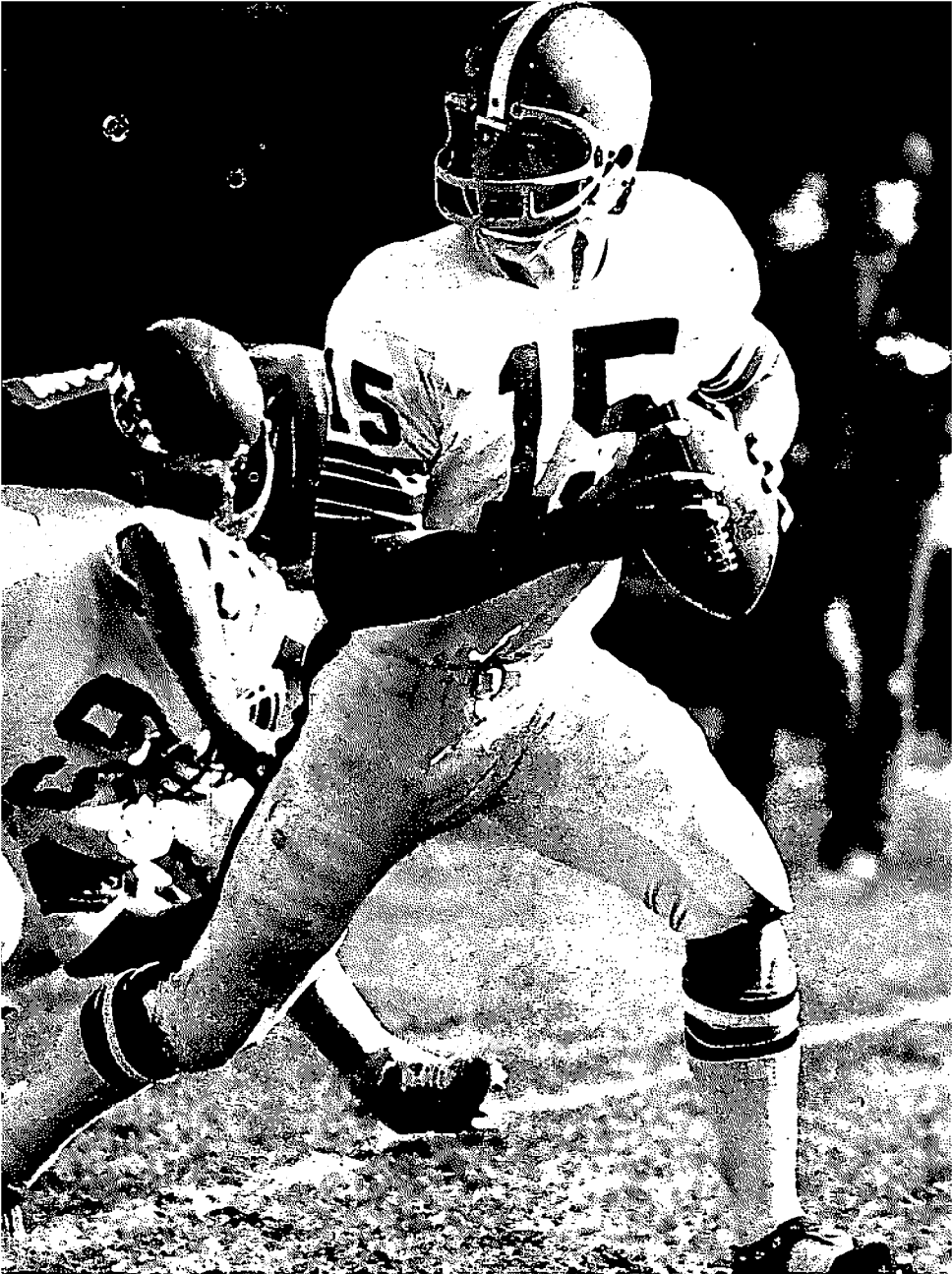
## INTERCEPTIONS

Warren Lahr, with 40 (1950-'59)  
 Ken Konz, with 30 (1953-'59)

## SCORING

\*Lou Groza, with 1,349 points (1950-'59, '61-'67)  
 Jimmy Brown, with 756 points (1957-'65)

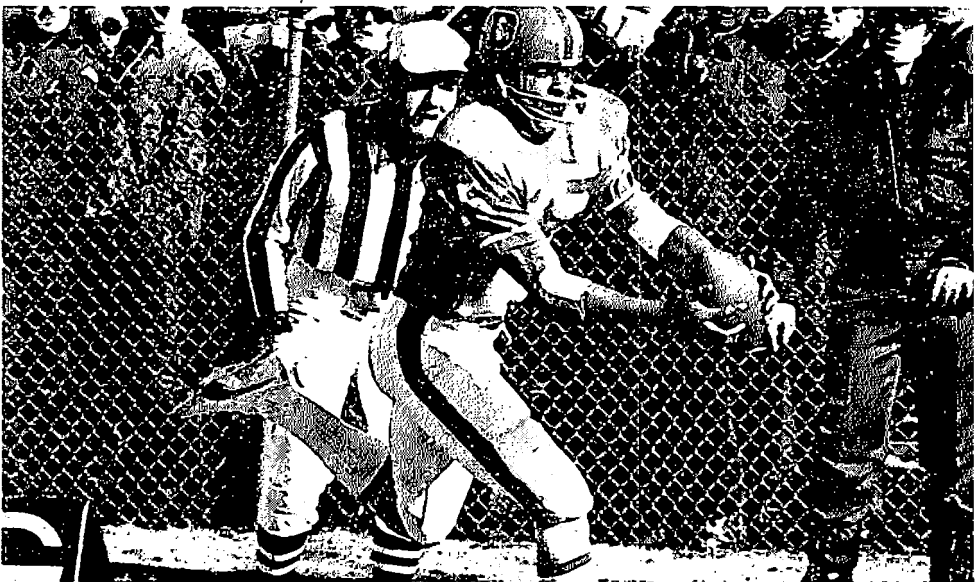
\*NFL all-time record



***Strong-armed Mike Phipps, the Browns' quarterback of the present as well as the future.***



# DENVER BRONCOS



*Broncos' wide receiver Haven Moses snares sideline pass.*

■ In case the positive approach to football has never been measured, it will get its test this year as the Denver Broncos go after their first winning season in the 14th year of the franchise.

Head Coach John Ralston instilled a new positive attitude into the squad last year, and although the result was an all-too familiar losing season, the team did show remarkable progress throughout the campaign. Ralston acquired veteran quarterback Charley Johnson who led a rejuvenated offense to 38 touchdowns, an improvement of 20 over the previous season ... 13 of them scored by the incomparable Floyd Little for a new club record.

When Ralston's ways began to sink into veteran skeptics, the

program took a step forward and Denver finished the season with back-to-back victories for the first time in the club's history. In fact, the final 45-21 drubbing of the Patriots was only the second win ever by Denver in a season finale.

The offense shapes up to be one of the better ones in the AFC, assuming Johnson resumes his 1972 performance, which leaves the defense to receive the lion's share of the attention in training camp. Most close followers agree that if Ralston finds an experienced linebacker and a defensive back to help ease the transition to a zone-oriented defense, Denver could be one of the real surprise clubs in the NFL in 1973. ●

# Denver Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro	
					Age	Yr.						Age	Yr.
11	Anderson, B.	RB	6-0	208	26	4		Maslowski, M.	WR	6-2	210	24	2
77	Alzado, L.	DE	6-3	252	24	3	81	Masters, B.	TE	6-5	240	29	7
73	Barnes, W.	DE	6-2	250	29	7	58	McKoy, B.	LB	6-3	235	25	4
72	Brunelli, S.	T	6-2	270	30	7	41	Mitchell, L.	CB	6-1	190	29	6
66	Cottrell, B.	G	6-3	255	29	6	78	Montgomery, M.	T	6-6	255	25	3
53	Criter, K.	LB	5-11	223	26	5	21	Montgomery, R.	CB	5-11	182	26	4
74	Current, M.	T	6-4	274	28	7	54	Myrtle, C.	LB	6-2	225	28	7
33	Dawkins, J.	RB	6-2	223	25	4	88	Odoms, R.	TE	6-4	230	23	2
76	Domres, T.	DT	6-3	260	27	6	56	Parish, D.	LB	6-1	220	25	4
55	Duranko, P.	DE	6-2	250	29	6	28	Pete, D.	CB-S	6-3	186	24	2
16	Ernst, M.	QB	6-1	190	22	2	23	Preece, S.	S	6-1	195	25	5
52	Forsberg, F.	LB	6-1	235	29	5	10	Ramsey, S.	QB	6-2	210	25	4
57	Geddes, B.	LB	6-2	240	27	2	26	Saimes, G.	S	5-11	188	32	11
40	Gehrke, J.	WR	6-1	180	27	4	64	Schnitter, M.	G	6-3	245	26	5
67	Goeddeke, G.	G	6-3	253	28	7	75	Sharp, R.	T	6-3	265	25	4
83	Graham, T.	LB	6-2	235	23	2	84	Sherman, R.	WR	6-0	190	28	7
20	Greer, C.	S	6-0	205	27	6	80	Simmops, J.	WR	6-0	190	30	9
47	Harris, T.	WR	6-3	195	24	3	51	Simone, M.	LB	6-0	210	23	2
87	Hoffman, J.	DE	6-7	260	30	5	70	Smith, P.	DT	6-3	256	28	6
62	Inman, J.	DT	6-2	256	33	7	36	Thompson, B.	S	6-1	201	26	5
68	Jackson, L.	G	6-3	270	24	3	35	Turner, C.	RB	6-1	236	26	5
12	Johnson, C.	QB	6-1	200	34	13	15	Turner, J.	K	6-2	205	32	10
59	Kaminski, L.	C	6-2	245	28	8	42	Van Heusen, B.	WR-				
86	Krieg, J.	WR	5-9	172	24	2			K	6-1	200	27	6
44	Little, F.	RB	5-10	196	31	7	65	Voss, L.	DE-				
22	Lynch, F.	RB	6-1	205	27	7			DT	6-4	255	31	10
61	Lyons, T.	G	6-2	230	25	3	29	West, B.	CB	5-10	185	25	2
50	Maples, B.	C	6-3	250	30	9							

## Denver Schedule

September 16	.....CINCINNATI	.....2:00 p.m.
September 23	.....SAN FRANCISCO	.....2:00 p.m.
September 30	.....CHICAGO	.....2:00 p.m.
October 7	.....at Kansas City	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....at Houston	.....1:00 p.m.
October 22	.....OAKLAND (Mon.)	.....7:00 p.m.
October 28	.....at New York Jets	.....1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....SAN DIEGO	.....2:00 p.m.
November 18	.....at Pittsburgh	.....1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....KANSAS CITY	.....2:00 p.m.
December 2	.....DALLAS	.....2:00 p.m.
December 9	.....at San Diego	.....1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....at Oakland	.....1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# Denver Key Players



**LYLE ALZADO, DE, 6-3, 260, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Yankton College**  
A starter since his rookie season, Alzado is destined to become one of the league's premier players. Fantastically strong and quick, already one of the most talked about pass rushers. A definite All-Pro candidate with another year's experience.

**TOM GRAHAM, LB, 6-3, 242, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Oregon**  
One of the real pleasant surprises as a rookie last year. A real hitter, took over as starting middle linebacker in mid-season and was exceptional rookie player. Had two pass interceptions and was one of team's leading tacklers. Great future.



**CHARLES GREER, DB, 6-1, 202, 6th Yr., Age 27, Colorado**  
Outstanding athlete with exceptional jumping ability. Had two interceptions in 1972, and was used late season as punt returner. Returned one 65 yards for TD against San Diego. Has 15 career interceptions to lead active team members in that department.

**LARRON JACKSON, Guard, 6-3, 270, 3rd Yr., Age 23, Missouri**  
Moved into starting lineup midway through rookie season and has been fixture there. Extremely mobile for size, punishing blocker and excellent pass protector. Very intelligent (will become CPA in off-season), and could be equally effective offensive tackle.



**CHARLEY JOHNSON, QB, 6-1, 200, 13th Yr., Age 34, N. M. State**  
Came to Broncos in trade just before start of '72 season. Finished as one of AFC's leading passers, hitting on 132 of 238 for 1,783 yards and 14 TD's. Took over as starter in 6th game of '72. Set new Bronco single season accuracy mark of 55.5 percent. Outstanding leader.

**FLOYD LITTLE, RB, 5-10, 196, 7th Yr., Age 31, Syracuse**  
Had another excellent season in 1972 with 859 yards rushing on 216 tries. Also caught 28 passes for another 366 yards. Scored 13 touchdowns for new club single season record. Seems to get better every year, but will be coming off knee surgery for the first time.



**BILLY MASTERS, TE, 6-5, 240, 7th Yr., Age 29, LSU**  
Starting tight end for two years, shared duty with rookie Riley Odoms in '72. Had finest season as pro in '72, catching 25 passes for 393 yards and 3 touchdowns. Has played in every Bronco game since coming from Buffalo in 1970. Has career mark of 122 catches.

**RILEY ODOMS, TE, 6-4, 233, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Houston**  
Destined to be an all-pro, has all the tools... Very quick, great hands and is outstanding blocker. Denver's first round pick in 1972. Caught 21 passes for 320 yards in rookie season, and averaged over 14 yards on five rushing attempts.





**MARV MONTGOMERY, Tackle, 6-6, 255, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Houston**  
 Came into his own as a starter in 1972 after seeing little action as rookie. Graded by coaches as best Bronco offensive-lineman. Great height makes him excellent pass protector as well as blocker. Very fast for size. First round pick in 1971.

**ROD SHERMAN, WR, 6-0, 190, 7th Yr., Age 28, USC**

Purchased from Oakland last year and responded by leading club in reception with 38 for 661 yards and three touchdowns. Neither the biggest nor the fastest, but has uncanny knack of getting open and has great hands. Was first round draft pick by Oakland in 1967.



**PAUL SMITH, DT, 6-3, 256, 6th Yr., Age 28, New Mexico**

One of NFL's top defensive linemen, was selected to play in Pro Bowl following '72 season. Amazingly quick, is one of game's top pass rushers. Named defensive co-captain. Spearheaded Bronco defensive line that led AFC in QB sacks with 41. A starter since 1969.

**BILL THOMPSON, DB, 6-1, 201, 5th Yr., Age 26, Maryland State**

Considered by many as good a cornerback as there is in the game. As rookie, led AFL in both punt and kickoff returns. Aggressive and sure tackler, is equally effective against pass and run. Had 59-yard punt return vs. New England.



**JIM TURNER, Kicker, 6-2, 205, 10th Yr., Age 32, Utah State**

The 8th leading scorer in NFL history. Has 887 career points, passing Don Hutson and Bobby Walston last year on career list. Has 171 consecutive PAT's, longest string of any active kicker. Has 198 career FGs.



### **John Ralston** *Head Coach*

His rookie year in NFL produced a 5-9 record with Broncos enabling them to escape the AFC West fourth place spot for the first time since 1962. Came to the Mile High City in January of 1972, fresh from a Rose Bowl victory by his Stanford team against Michigan. His Stanford club also

downed Ohio State in the 1971 Rose Bowl. Ralston's overall Stanford coaching record was 54-36-3 including two Pacific Eight titles, and eight straight winning seasons. As head coach at Utah State (1959-62), he compiled a 31-11-1 mark before moving to Stanford. His Aggies were co-champions of the Skyline Conference in two of those years and they participated in the Sun and Gotham Bowls. Has also served as head coach of West team in Shrine game three times. Also as an assistant at California, where he graduated in 1951 after performing as a linebacker on two of Cal's Rose Bowl entries. Ralston served two and one half years with the U.S. Marine Corps during and following World War II.

# Denver 1972 Club Leaders

<b>RUSHING</b>	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Little .....	216	859	4.0	55t	9
Anderson ...	72	319	4.4	40	1
Dawkins .....	56	243	4.4	19	2
Lynch .....	34	164	4.8	28	2
Van Heusen .	2	76	38.0	66t	1
Odoms .....	5	72	14.4	27	0
Krieg .....	1	63	63.0	63	0
Ramsey .....	5	15	3.0	8t	2

<b>PASSING</b>	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.
Johnson	238	132	55.5	1,783	14	14
Ramsey	137	65	47.4	1,050	3	9
Little	2		2100.0	43	1	0

<b>PASS REC.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Sherman ....	38	661	17.4	55	3
Little .....	28	366	13.1	40	4
Masters .....	25	393	15.7	27	3
Anderson ...	23	216	9.3	40	1
Odoms .....	21	320	15.2	48	1
Dawkins .....	18	242	13.4	60	0
Simmons .....	17	235	13.8	35t	2
Moses .....	15	224	15.0	33	5
Lynch .....	7	75	10.7	17	0

<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Mitchell .....	3	27	9.0	27	0
Greer .....	2	18	9.0	17	0
Graham .....	2	10	5.0	7	0

<b>KICKOFF RET.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Montgomery, R.	29	756	26.1	94t	1
Turner, C. ....	1	25	25.0	25	0
Dawkins .....	15	357	23.8	28	0
Little .....	3	48	16.0	22	0
Lynch .....	3	45	15.0	17	0

<b>PUNT RET.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Thompson ....	3	84	28.0	59	0
Greer .....	3	66	22.0	65t	1
Sherman .....	10	89	8.9	18	0
Little .....	8	64	8.0	29	0

<b>PUNTING</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Van Heusen .	60	2408	40.1	60

<b>SCORING</b>	TDs	Receptions	Yds.	Avg.	Long	FGs	PTS
Turner, J.	0	0	0	37	20	97	
Little	9	4	13	0	0	78	
Moses	0	5	5	0	0	30	
Masters	0	3	3	0	0	18	
Sherman	0	3	3	0	0	18	
Anderson	1	1	2	0	0	12	
Ramsey	2	0	2	0	0	12	
Simmons	0	2	2	0	0	12	
Dawkins	2	0	2	0	0	12	
Lynch	2	0	2	0	0	12	

# Denver All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Floyd Little, with 4,578 yards in 1,142 carries for 28 TDs (1967-'72)

## PASSING

Frank Tripucka, with 662 completions in 1,277 attempts for 7,622 yards and 51 TDs (1960-'63)

## PASS RECEIVING

\*Lionel Taylor, with 543 receptions for 6,976 yards and 44 TDs (1960-'66)

## INTERCEPTIONS

Austin Gonsoulin, with 43 (1960-'66)

## SCORING

Gene Mingo, with 408 points (1960-'64)

Lionel Taylor, with 264 points (1960-'66)

Floyd Little, with 216 points (1967-'72)

\*AFL all-time record



*Bronco defensive tackle Paul Smith bears down on Detroit ball carrier.*

# HOUSTON OILERS



*Dan Pastorini (7) has suffered through two seasons, but is considered one of NFL's brightest prospects.*

■ The Houston Oilers suffered through their worst season in history in 1972, winning but one game in 14 tries. But despite the frustrating experiences of the 1972 campaign, hope springs anew for Coach Bill Peterson and his 1973 squad.

One of pro football's most talented individuals, both as a coach and as a general manager, takes over the reigns to rebuild the sagging Oiler fortunes. Sid Gillman, a 62-year old dynamo with superb credentials was the man chosen for the job. With Gillman and Peterson forming an impressive team, the Oilers are certain that this season won't be a repeat of 1972.

A major problem area last year was the offensive line where

injuries felled four veterans for the season. The return of experienced hands and the addition of All-Pro center Bill Curry from Baltimore should effect a major change in that area.

Dan Pastorini and Lynn Dickey will battle newcomer Ed Hargett for the quarterback job, and the addition of veteran tight end Dave Parks from New Orleans, and running backs Paul Robinson and Fred Willis from Cincinnati, should further bolster the offense which finished dead last in the AFC.

Pro Bowlers Elvin Bethea and 1st round draftee John Matuszak, anchor a defensive unit which should be able to hold its own. Look for big improvements in Houston in 1973. •

# Houston Veteran Roster

					Pro										Pro				
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.				No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.			
19	Alexander, W.	CB	6-3	195	23	3				79	Holmes, P.	DE	6-5	250	32	8			
	Alston, M.	TE	6-2	230	26	4				51	Hunt, C.	C	6-3	245	25	3			
48	Atkins, B.	S	6-3	210	26	6				15	Johnson, A.	RB	6-0	200	22	2			
12	Baker, E.	QB	6-2	198	24	2				33	Johnson, B.	CB	5-11	178	24	4			
81	Beirne, J.	WR	6-1	198	26	6				40	Jolley, L.	RB	6-0	210	23	2			
65	Bethea, E.	DE	6-2	260	28	6				55	Lewis, R.	LB	6-3	220	23	2			
82	Billingsly, R.	DT	6-8	280	27	7					McGill, M.	LB	6-2	235	30	6			
52	Boyette, G.	LB	6-1	235	32	10					McNeil, C.	WR	6-2	187	32	10			
73	Brooks, L.	DT	6-6	263	25	4				62	Miller, R.	G	6-4	260	24	2			
00	Burrough, K.	WR	6-4	210	24	4				22	Moore, Z.	CB	6-3	198	29	7			
2	Butler, S.	K	6-1	200	25	3				53	Murdock, G.	C	6-2	245	22	2			
63	Carr, L.	T	6-3	260	26	5				14	Nix, K.	QB	6-1	198	28	7			
25	Charles, J.	S	6-0	198	28	7					Parks, B.	WR	6-1	185	25	3			
57	Cheek, R.	G	6-3	220	24	3				17	Pastorini, D.	QB-P	6-3	196	23	3			
	Cowlings, A.	DE	6-5	245	24	3				89	Read, A.	TE	6-5	235	28	7			
59	Croyle, P.	LB	6-3	220	23	3				85	Rice, F.	LB	6-4	223	23	3			
50	Curry, B.	C	6-2	235	31	9				56	Roberts, G.	LB	6-1	215	22	2			
20	Dawson, R.	WR	6-1	185	24	2				18	Robinson, P.	RB	6-0	198	28	6			
10	Dickey, L.	QB	6-4	255	29	5				34	Rodgers, W.	RB	6-0	210	24	2			
41	Dusenbery, B.	RB	6-3	210	25	2				77	Rudolph, C.	DE	6-3	260	22	2			
	Fanucci, M.	DE	6-4	225	23	2				91	Sampson, G.	DT	6-6	260	22	2			
69	Freelon, S.	G	6-2	250	22	2				64	Saul, R.	G	6-2	255	24	4			
66	Funchess, T.	T	6-5	265	28	6					Severson, J.	S	6-1	180	23	2			
30	Granger, H.	RB	6-1	225	28	8				87	Smith, D.	WR	6-2	205	25	4			
46	Guidry, P.	LB	6-2	230	29	8					Smith, D.	DE	6-5	245	24	3			
60	Hargrove, J.	LB	6-3	225	28	6					Snowden, J.	T	6-3	255	31	9			
70	Harvey, J.	G	6-5	255	29	8				68	Swinney, C.	T	6-3	250	27	2			
	Haymond, A.	S	6-0	194	31	10				71	Wells, R.	T	6-5	275	27	5			
61	Highsmith, W.	T-C	6-4	255	29	5				83	Wells, W.	WR	6-1	190	29	6			
	Hollomon, G.	S	6-3	195	27	6				21	Willis, F.	RB	6-0	212	24	3			

## Houston Schedule

September 16	.....at New York Giants	.....1:00 p.m.
September 23	.....at Cincinnati	.....1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....PITTSBURGH	.....1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....LOS ANGELES	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....DENVER	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....at Cleveland	.....1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....at Chicago	.....1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....at Baltimore	.....2:00 p.m.
November 11	.....CLEVELAND	.....1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....at Kansas City	.....1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....NEW ENGLAND	.....1:00 p.m.
December 2	.....OAKLAND	.....1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....at Pittsburgh	.....1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....CINCINNATI	.....1:00 p.m.

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# Houston Key Players



**JIM BEIRNE, WR, 6-2, 195, 6th Yr., Age 27, Purdue**

Led Oilers in receiving in 1971 with 38 catches. Doesn't possess great speed, but has excellent hands, good moves and quickness. Played in '70 all-star game. Top season was in 1969 with 42 catches. Can play tight end.

**ELVIN BETHEA, DE, 6-3, 262, 6th Yr., Age 27, No. Carolina A & T**  
One of game's premier pass rushers, has led Oilers in dumping the quarterback for three straight seasons. Named to AFC Pro Bowl squad past two seasons. Has great quickness and speed. Not many better.



**KEN BURROUGH, WR, 6-4, 210, 4th Yr., Age 24, Texas Southern**  
Came to Oilers in 1971 trade. One of fastest receivers in the league with 4.4 speed at forty yards. Caught 26 passes for 521 yards and 4 touchdowns in 1972, including an 80-yard scoring pass-run play. Tremendous deep threat.

**KEN HOUSTON, Safety, 6-3, 195, 7th Yr., Age 29, Prairie View**  
Considered by many the game's top strong safety. Had nine interceptions for touchdowns in his first five seasons. Has great speed and is a punishing tackler. Has 25 career interceptions.



**ZEKE MOORE, CB, 6-3, 196, 7th Yr., Age 30, Lincoln**

Has 13 career interceptions and is considered one of AFC's better man-for-man pass defenders. Has outstanding speed and is a tough hitter. Was named to Pro Bowl squad in 1971. Also an excellent kickoff return specialist.

**DAN PASTORINI, QB, 6-3, 214, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Santa Clara**  
One of brightest young QB's in the NFL. Exceptionally strong arm, has all the tools. Completed 144 of 299 last season for 7 TD's. Was also one of AFC's top punters with 41.2 average, and can handle place kicking chores. Has been starter since early in rookie season.



**ALVIN REED, TE, 6-5, 235, 7th Yr., Age 29, Prairie View**

Has been one of the outstanding tight ends in the AFC for past five years. Has deceptive speed and is excellent blocker. Caught 19 passes for 251 yards in 1972. Has career total of 199 catches for 2,818 yards and 11 TD's.

**FLOYD RICE, LB, 6-4, 223, 3rd Yr., Age 23, Alcorn A & M**  
Young talented linebacker who started in 1972 and should develop into fine outside linebacker. Has excellent speed with fine lateral movement and good strength.





**PAUL ROBINSON, RB, 6-0, 198, 6th Yr., Age 28, Arizona**  
 Came to Houston in mid-season trade from Cincinnati. 1972 totals show 449 yards on 107 carries and three TD's. Was Cincinnati's 3rd round pick in 1968, and was AFL Rookie of the Year after rushing for 1,023 yards. Great speed and open field talents.

**COUNCIL RUDOLPH, DT, 6-3, 250, 2nd Yr., Age 24, Kentucky State**  
 Moved into Oiler starting lineup in rookie season and showed great potential. Has the size, speed and strength to be a regular. Is effective pass rusher with best football all ahead of him.



**GREG SAMPSON, DT, 6-5, 260, 2nd Yr., Age 22, Stanford**  
 The first Oiler draft pick in 1972, moved into starting position and showed fine potential. Outstanding quickness and agility, is strongest against the rush, but has tools to be outstanding all-around player. Played on two Stanford Rose Bowl championship teams.

**DAVE SMITH, WR, 205, 4th Yr., Age 26, Indiana (Pa.)**  
 Came to Oilers during season from Pittsburgh where he had started every game in 1971. Good third down receiver and outstanding runner. Has 107 catches for 1,437 yards in three-year pro career... seven for touchdowns.



**FRED WILLIS, RB, 6-0, 220, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Boston College**  
 Came to Houston with Paul Robinson during 1972 season. Combined Bengal-Oiler stats show 134 carries for 481 yards, tops on Houston squad. Also caught 45 passes for 297 yards and 2 TD's.

*\*Traded to Washington*



### **Bill Peterson** *Head Coach*

Completed first season in NFL with 1-13 record after success as college head coach. Took over duties of head coach and athletic director at Rice University in 1971 and in only one season made the Owls a respected team in the rugged Southwest Conference. Claim to fame came at

Florida State University where he compiled a 62-42-11 mark in eleven years. His Seminole teams gained bowl berths in four of his last seven years. His first major college position was as offensive line coach under Paul Dietzel at Louisiana State. Is credited with playing prominent role in the development of many of the players on the LSU National Championship team in 1958. As a college coach, Peterson was one of the first to use pro-style offense. Is a graduate of Ohio Northern University.

# Houston 1972 Club Leaders

<b>RUSHING</b>	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	<b>KICKOFF RET.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Willis .....	134	461	3.4	43	0	Rodgers .....	17	335	19.7	31	0
Robinson ...	107	449	4.2	301	3	Jolley .....	11	267	24.3	43	0
Rodgers .....	71	209	2.9	14	2	B. Johnson .....	13	230	17.7	29	0
Pastorini ....	37	209	5.6	17	2	A. Johnson ....	7	154	22.0	28	0
Granger .....	42	175	4.1	14	0						

<b>PASSING</b>	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.	<b>PUNT RET.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Pastorini	229	144	48.2	1,711	7	11	Houston .....	25	148	5.9	33	0
Nix	63	33	52.4	287	3	7	Moore .....	7	15	2.1	4	0
Baker	10	4	40.0	47	0	4	A. Johnson ....	2	0	0.0	0	0

<b>PASS REC.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	<b>PUNTING</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Willis .....	45	297	6.6	27	2	Pastorini ....	82	3381	41.2	63
Smith .....	30	316	10.5	25	0	Butler .....	3	105	35.0	47
Burrough ...	26	521	20.0	801	4					
Reed .....	19	251	13.2	29	0					
Granger ....	15	78	5.2	20	0					
Robinson ...	14	112	8.0	24	0					
Beirne .....	7	95	13.6	19	1					

<b>INTER-CEPTIONS</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	<b>SCORING</b>	TDR	TDP	TDs	Pat	FG	PTS
Atkins .....	2	37	18.5	34	0	Butler	0	0	0	15	12	51
Charles .....	2	6	3.0	6	0	Burrough	0	4	4	0	0	24
B. Johnson ....	1	34	34.0	34	0	Robinson	3	0	3	0	0	18
Alexander ....	1	16	16.0	16	0	Rodgers	2	0	2	0	0	12
						Pastorini	2	0	2	0	0	12
						Willis	0	2	2	0	0	12
						Beirne	0	1	1	0	0	6
						Dawson	0	1	1	0	0	6

# Houston All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Hoyle Granger with 774 carries for 3514 yards

(1966-'70-72)

Charles Tolar with 907 carries for 3,277 yards

(1960-'66)

## PASSING

George Blanda with 1,347 completions on 2,784 attempts for 19,149 yards and 165 TDs

(1960-'66)

Pete Beathard with 379 completions on 824 attempts for 5,128 yards and 26 TDs

(1967-'69)

## PASS RECEIVING

Charles Hennigan with 410 receptions for 6,823 yards and 51 TDs

(1960-'66)

Charles Frazier with 177 receptions for 3,017 yards and 22 TDs

(1962-'68)

## INTERCEPTIONS

Jim Norton with 45

(1960-'68)

Freddy Glick with 30

(1961-'66)

Tony Banfield with 27

(1960-'65)

## SCORING

George Blanda with 596 points

(1960-'66)

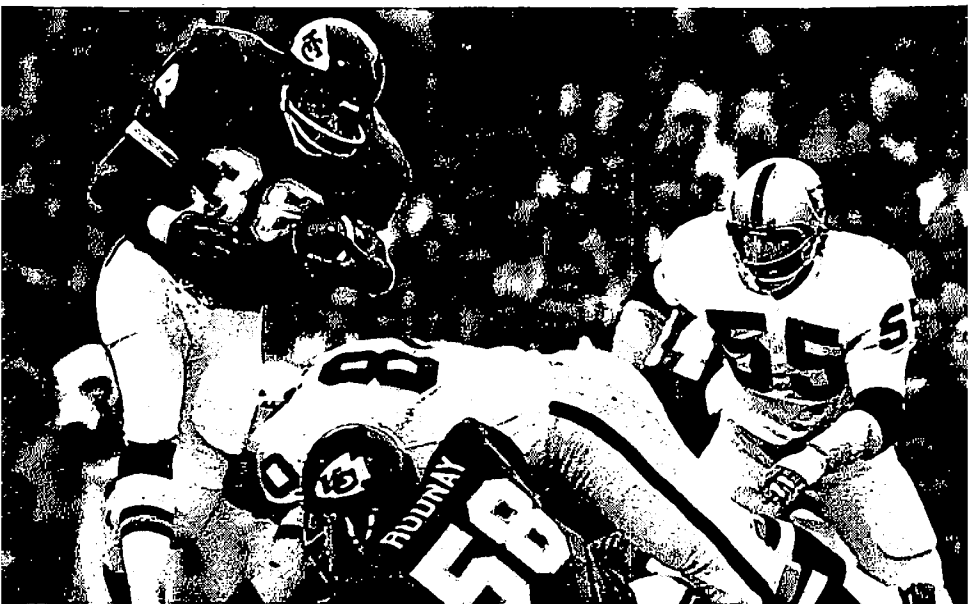
Charles Hennigan 306 points

(1960-'66)



*Ken Burroughs, one of league's swiftest receivers, takes off after making catch vs. Cincinnati*

# KANSAS CITY CHIEFS



*Wendell Hayes, who has rushed for over 3,000 yards for Chiefs, gets key yardage vs. Oakland.*

■ This is the 14th season for the Chiefs, and Coach Hank Stram will be trying to bring his team back from an "off" season of 8-6, and insert the perennial front running Kansas City team back into the play-off picture in 1973.

Stram, the only man to serve in the capacity of head coach since the franchise was founded as the old Dallas Texans, has a philosophy that "football is a game of NOW." This has been carried on through his 13 years as a pro coach and was never more evident than at the present.

Although fans in some league cities would be dancing in the streets after an 8-6 season, Stram went to work to improve his squad. He traded for stellar defensive tackle George Seals,

running back Willie Ellison, defensive end Gerry Philbin and offensive tackle Francie Peay, and proclaimed the Chiefs ready to make a run at AFC West honors in 1973.

There was already the nucleus of a devastating defense which has annually been one of the best in pro football, and anytime veteran Lenny Dawson and his stable of wide receivers take the field, the opposition is in trouble.

There is no apparent weakness in the Chiefs' team, which boasts a veteran offensive line, fleet receivers, great quarterbacking, perhaps the best linebackers in football, very strong front four, great punting and kicking game. •

# Kansas City Veteran Roster

						Pro										Pro				
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.
48	Allen, N.	CB	5-10	170	25	3	40	Marsalis, J.	CB	5-11	194	27	5	22	Marshall, L.	CB	5-10	195	23	2
	Beathard, P.	QB	6-1	200	31	9	6	McVea, W.	RB	5-9	182	27	5	76	Moorman, M.	G	6-5	252	28	6
78	Bell, B.	LB	6-4	228	33	11	50	Oriard, M.	C	6-4	223	25	4	35	Otis, J.	RB	6-0	220	25	4
55	Best, K.	LB	6-3	220	23	2		Peay, F.	T	6-5	250	28	8	14	Podolak, E.	RB	6-1	204	26	5
86	Buchanan, B.	DT	6-7	270	33	11	15	Reardon, K.	CB	5-11	180	24	3	58	Rudnay, J.	C	6-3	240	25	4
71	Budde, E.	G	6-5	265	33	11	67	Seals, G.	DT	6-3	260	30	10	20	Sensibaugh, M.	S	5-11	192	24	3
	Calloway, E.	DT	6-6	255	25	5	70	Smith, S.	T	6-4	260	25	4	3	Stenerud, J.	K	6-2	187	30	7
9	Carlson, D.	QB	6-3	210	23	2	88	Stroud, M.	TE	6-10	255	27	5	89	Taylor, O.	WR	6-3	215	31	9
61	Culp, C.	DT	6-1	265	27	6	18	Thomas, E.	CB	6-2	192	30	8	77	Tyrer, J.	T	6-6	280	34	11
60	Daney, G.	DE	6-4	240	26	6	81	Upshaw, M.	DE	6-4	260	26	6	54	Werner, C.	LB	6-4	225	25	4
16	Dawson, L.	QB	6-0	190	38	17	26	West, R.	WR	6-4	218	22	2	44	Wilson, J.	P	6-2	222	32	11
	Ellison, W.	RB	6-2	210	27	7	17	Wright, E.	WR	6-0	190	24	3	99	Young, W.	DT	6-6	285	24	3
83	Frazier, W.	TE	6-4	234	31	10														
79	Gagner, L.	G	6-2	268	29	6														
38	Hayes, W.	RB	6-1	220	33	9														
73	Hill, D.	T	6-5	260	32	11														
21	Homan, D.	WR	6-1	181	26	6														
41	Jankowski, B.	WR	5-11	185	24	3														
46	Kearney, J.	S	6-2	206	30	9														
	Keyes, L.	S	6-3	208	26	5														
31	Kinney, J.	RB	6-2	215	22	2														
63	Lanier, W.	LB	6-1	245	28	7														
10	Livingston, M.	QB	6-4	212	27	6														
82	Lothamer, E.	DT	6-5	270	30	9														
51	Lynch, J.	LB	6-1	235	28	7														

## Kansas City Schedule

September 16	.....	LOS ANGELES	.....	3:00 p.m.
September 23	.....	at New England	.....	1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....	OAKLAND	.....	3:00 p.m.
October 7	.....	DENVER	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....	at Green Bay (Mil.)	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....	at Cincinnati	.....	4:00 p.m.
October 29	.....	at Buffalo (Mon.)	.....	9:00 p.m.
November 4	.....	at San Diego	.....	1:00 p.m.
November 12	.....	CHICAGO (Mon.)	.....	8:00 p.m.
November 18	.....	HOUSTON	.....	1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....	at Denver	.....	2:00 p.m.
December 2	.....	CLEVELAND	.....	3:00 p.m.
December 8	.....	at Oakland (Sat.)	.....	1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....	SAN DIEGO	.....	1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# Kansas City Key Players



**CURLEY CULP, DT, 6-1, 265, 8th Yr., Age 27, Arizona State**

One of the quickest linemen on Chief's squad. Has not missed a starting assignment since first game of 1969 season. A versatile player, can go either offense or defense. Named defensive player of week for AFL in 1969. Pro Bowl performer.

**LEN DAWSON, QB, 6-0, 190, 17th Yr., Age 37, Purdue**

Signed as a free agent after being with Steelers and Browns. A great leader, has been standout for Chiefs and was named Super Bowl MVP in 1970. Has passed for over 22,000 yards. Completed 175 of 305 in 1972. Has 223 career touchdown passes.



**DAVE HILL, Tackle, 6-5, 260, 11th Yr., Age 32, Auburn**

Has been Chiefs starting right tackle since midway through 1963 season. Had outstanding game in Super Bowl win over Minnesota. Rated by coaches as one of NFL's most consistent offensive linemen.

**JIM KEARNEY, Safety, 6-2, 206, 9th Yr., Age 30, Prairie View**

A five year starter for the Chiefs, considered one of the underrated safeties in the game. Has 20 career interceptions, and in 1972 returned four for scores. Was Otis Taylor's college quarterback. Spent two years with Detroit before coming to Kansas City.



**WILLIE LANIER, LB, 6-1, 245, 7th Yr., Age 27, Morgan State**

A consensus All-Pro selection. Has started every game for five seasons. Has played in three straight Pro Bowl games, and was Pro Bowl defensive MVP in 1971. Great quickness and strength.

**JIM LYNCH, LB, 6-1, 235, 7th Yr., Age 27, Notre Dame**

A third of a trio many consider the best linebacking crew in football. Switched to right side before 1968 opener and has been fixture there, starting every game since. Has 11 career interceptions and is solid tackler. Captained Notre Dame 1966 national championship team.



**ED PODOLAK, RB, 6-1, 204, 5th Yr., Age 25, Iowa**

Has been Chiefs leading ball carrier for past two years. Had 615 yards in 171 carries in 1972. Also caught 46 passes for 345 yards and returned 8 punts for 11 yards. Played best game in Miami "longest day" game. A deceptive runner with great moves.

**JACK RUDNAY, Center, 6-3, 240, 4th Yr., Age 25, Northwestern**  
Took over starting center position midway through the 1970 season. Given the Mack Lee Hill Award as Chiefs outstanding rookie in '70. A good pass protector and excellent blocker. Fourth round draft choice in 1969, but missed season with injury suffered in All-Star camp.





**MIKE SENSIBAUGH**, Safety, 5-11, 192, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Ohio State  
 Played behind All-Pro Johnny Robinson as rookie, but took over starting job last season. Responded with 8 interceptions for 65 yards to lead AFC. Also can be used as kick returner and is valuable performer on Chiefs' special teams. ✓

**JAN STENERUD**, Kicker, 6-2, 187, 7th Yr., Age 30, Montana State  
 One of leading kicking specialists in NFL, he has scored over 100 points per season until 1972 when total fell to 95. Has missed only one PAT in pro career and has sparkling FG success of 155 of 233. 1972 record was 32 straight PAT's and 21 of 36 field goals.



**OTIS TAYLOR**, WR, 6-3, 215, 9th Yr., Age 30, Prairie View  
 A consensus All-Pro selection and leading Chief's receiver past two years. Caught 57 for 821 yards and six touchdowns last year. In 1971, caught 57 passes for 19.5-yard average. Great with the ball after making the catch, he is one of game's most exciting receivers.

**EMMITT THOMAS**, DB, 6-2, 192, 8th Yr., Age 29, Bishop College  
 Leads the Chiefs in career interceptions with 32, and has been starting cornerback for past five seasons. Had two interceptions in '72 for 46 yards. Top season was 1969 with nine intercepts. Has great speed evidenced by his career interception return average of 16 yards.



**JIM TYRER**, Tackle, 6-6, 270, 13th Yr., Age 34, Ohio State  
 Regarded as one of game's finest offensive linemen. A consensus All-Pro selection. Selected as AFL offensive lineman of the year in 1969. Member of AFL All-time team picked by Hall of Fame. Consistent performer and fierce competitor.



## **Hank Stram** *Head Coach*

Has been the head coach of Lamar Hunt's pro football entry since the beginning of the American Football League. He started with the Dallas Texans, and is the only man to coach a team through the entire history of the AFL. His overall record speaks highly of his consistency (112-62-8). In his only head coaching job, Stram was the winningest coach in the AFL's first decade of action. His Chiefs were the only team to win three AFL crowns, and the only team to represent the AFL in two Super Bowls. Upon graduation from Purdue, (1948), Stram joined the Boilermaker coaching staff as an assistant. In 1956 he moved to Southern Methodist, and then spent the following two years at Notre Dame. A one year stint at the University of Miami preceded Hunt's naming of Stram to the Dallas Texans' head job. At Purdue, he won seven letters, four in baseball and three in football. Highlight of career probably is Chiefs' thrilling 23-7 Super Bowl victory over the rival NFL's Minnesota entry on January 11, 1970.



# Kansas City 1972 Club Leaders

## RUSHING Att. Yds. Avg. long TDs

Podolack	171	615	3.6	28	4
Hayes	128	536	4.2	28	0
Adamle	73	303	4.2	19	1
Livingston	14	133	9.5	51	0
Kinney	38	122	3.2	16	1
Otis	29	92	3.2	12	0
Dawson	15	75	5.0	20	0

Lanier	2	2	1.0	2	0
Marsalis	2	20	10.0	19	0
Thomas	2	46	23.0	26	0

## KICKOFF RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Marshall	23	651	28.3	48	0
Adamle	8	185	23.1	37	0
Podolack	7	119	17.0	23	0
Kinney	4	63	15.8	25	0

## PASSING Att. Comp. Pct. Yds. TDs Int.

Dawson	305	175	57.4	1,835	13	12
Livingston	78	41	52.6	480	7	8

## PASS REC. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Taylor	57	821	14.4	44	6
Podolack	46	345	7.5	27	2
Hayes	31	295	9.5	29	3
Adamle	15	76	5.1	11	0
Frazier	13	172	13.2	35	5
Homan	12	135	11.3	38	1
Otis	12	76	6.3	13	0
Wright	11	81	7.4	14	0
West	9	165	18.3	42	2

## PUNT RET. No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs

Marshall	18	103	5.7	29	0
Podolack	8	11	1.4	12	0
Homan	2	9	4.5	8	0

## PUNTING No. Yds. Avg. Long

Wilson	66	2960	44.8	69
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## INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Sensibaugh	8	65	8.1	35	0
Kearney	5	192	38.4	65	4
Bell	3	56	18.7	61	1

## SCORING TDs PAT. FGPTs

Stenerud	0	0	0	32	21	95
Taylor	0	6	6	0	0	36
Podolack	4	2	6	0	0	36
Frazier	0	5	5	0	0	30
Kearney	0	0	0	0	0	24
West	0	2	2	0	0	18
Hayes	0	3	3	0	0	18

\*Scored for TDs on returns

# Kansas City All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Abner Haynes, with 780 carries for 3,837 yards (1960-'64)

Curtis McClinton, with 762 carries for 3,017 yards (1962-'69)

## PASSING

\*Len Dawson, with 1,839 completions in 3,265 attempts for 25,318 yards and 225 TDs (1962-'72)

Cotton Davidson, with 339 completions in 709 attempts for 4,919 yards and 32 TDs (1960-'61)

## PASS RECEIVING

Chris Burford, with 391 receptions for 5,505 yards (1960-'67)

Otis Taylor, with 352 receptions for 6,366 yards (1965-'72)

## INTERCEPTIONS

Johnny Robinson with 57 (1962-'71)

Bobby Hunt, with 37 (1962-'67)

## SCORING

Jan Stenerud with 677 points (1967-'72)

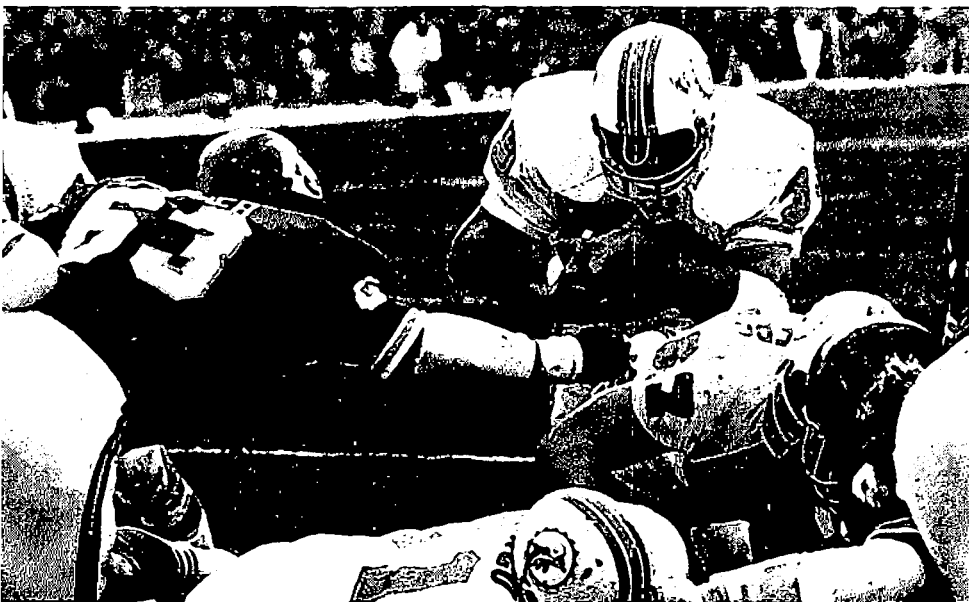
Abner Haynes, with 366 points (1960-'64)

\*AFL all-time leader



*All-purpose back Ed Podolak, the Chiefs' top ground gainer in 1972.*

# MIAMI DOLPHINS



*Bruising Larry Csonka has led Dolphin running game last two years with over 1,000 yards both seasons.*

■ There are those who have taken a look at the Miami Dolphins' exploits in 1972... a perfect 17-0 season and a Super Bowl championship... and asked the obvious question: What are the targets for 1973?

It is fact, of course, that the Dolphins of 1972 became the youngest team in NFL history to win a Super Bowl and became the first team ever to ride through an entire season undefeated. Nevertheless, there are targets: A return to the Super Bowl, and a third consecutive American Conference title. And there is another feather that could easily end in Coach Don Shula's hat... the record for the most consecutive regular sea-

son triumphs.

The Dolphins are currently tied with Los Angeles - San Diego (1960-61) for third place with 15 straight, having won all 14 last year and the final game of 1971. The Chicago Bears own the top two marks: 17 victories by the 1933-34 squads, and 16 straight by the 1941-42 Bears.

The team that will be challenging these marks figures to be virtually the same as the one that marched through the 1972 season with an unblemished record. That means Miami opponents will contend with the same "no-names" plus Griese, Csonka, et al. And everyone knows there is no way the Dolphins can win 17 straight again... or can they? ●

# Miami Veteran Roster

						Pro											Pro				
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	
40	Anderson, D.	S	6-2	196	27	6	67	Kuechenberg, B.	G	6-2	248	25	4	67	Kuechenberg, B.	G	6-2	248	25	4	
49	Babb, C.	S	6-0	190	23	2	62	Langer, J.	C	6-2	250	25	4	62	Langer, J.	C	6-2	250	25	4	
51	Ball, L.	LB	6-6	225	24	2	23	Leigh, C.	RB	5-11	206	27	5	23	Leigh, C.	RB	5-11	206	27	5	
86	Briscoe, M.	WR	5-11	178	27	5	66	Little, L.	G	6-1	265	27	7	66	Little, L.	G	6-1	265	27	7	
85	Buoniconti, N.	LB	5-11	220	32	12	7	Lothridge, B.	P	6-1	200	31	10	7	Lothridge, B.	P	6-1	200	31	10	
77	Crusan, D.	T	6-4	250	27	6	88	Mandich, J.	TE	6-2	224	25	4	88	Mandich, J.	TE	6-2	224	25	4	
39	Csonka, L.	RB	6-2	237	26	6	53	Matheson, B.	LB	6-4	235	28	7	53	Matheson, B.	LB	6-4	235	28	7	
11	Del Gaizo, J.	QB	6-1	198	26	2	65	Moore, M.	DT	6-5	265	27	2	65	Moore, M.	DT	6-5	265	27	2	
83	Den Herder, V.	DE	6-6	250	24	3	79	Moore, W.	T	6-6	265	27	4	79	Moore, W.	T	6-6	265	27	4	
78	Dunaway, J.	DT	6-4	277	32	11	15	Morrall, E.	QB	6-2	210	39	18	15	Morrall, E.	QB	6-2	210	39	18	
73	Evans, N.	T	6-5	250	30	9	22	Morris, M.	RB	5-10	190	26	5	22	Morris, M.	RB	5-10	190	26	5	
75	Fernandez, M.	DT	6-2	250	27	6	26	Mumphord, L.	CB	5-10	176	26	5	26	Mumphord, L.	CB	5-10	176	26	5	
80	Fleming, M.	TE	6-4	232	31	11	89	Noonan, K.	WR	6-2	198	29	7	89	Noonan, K.	WR	6-2	198	29	7	
25	Foley, T.	CB	6-0	194	24	4	56	Powell, J.	LB	6-2	220	26	5	56	Powell, J.	LB	6-2	220	26	5	
32	Ginn, H.	RB	5-10	185	26	4	70	Riley, J.	DE	6-4	250	38	6	70	Riley, J.	DE	6-4	250	38	6	
12	Griese, B.	QB	6-1	190	28	7	13	Scott, J.	S	6-0	188	28	4	13	Scott, J.	S	6-0	188	28	4	
72	Heinz, B.	DT-DE	6-6	265	26	5	20	Seiple, L.	TE-P	6-0	214	18	7	20	Seiple, L.	TE-P	6-0	214	18	7	
60	Jenkins, A.	G-T	6-2	245	27	4		Sellers, R.	WR	6-4	205	25	5		Sellers, R.	WR	6-4	205	25	5	
28	Jenkins, E.	RB	6-2	210	23	2	84	Stanfill, B.	DE	6-5	250	26	5	84	Stanfill, B.	DE	6-5	250	26	5	
45	Johnson, C.	CB	6-1	196	25	4	59	Swift, D.	LB	6-3	226	25	4	59	Swift, D.	LB	6-3	226	25	4	
21	Klick, J.	RB	5-11	214	27	6	81	Twilley, H.	WR	5-10	185	29	8	81	Twilley, H.	WR	5-10	185	29	8	
54	Kindig, H.	T-C	6-6	260	32	7	42	Warfield, P.	WR	6-0	188	30	10	42	Warfield, P.	WR	6-0	188	30	10	
57	Kolen, M.	LB	6-2	220	25	4	1	Yepremian, G.	K	5-8	175	29	6	1	Yepremian, G.	K	5-8	175	29	6	

## Miami Schedule

September 16	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00 p.m.
September 23	at Oakland	1:00 p.m.
September 30	NEW ENGLAND	1:00 p.m.
October 7	at New York Jets	1:00 p.m.
October 15	at Cleveland (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
October 21	BUFFALO	1:00 p.m.
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November 18	at Buffalo	1:00 p.m.
November 22	at Dallas (Thanks.)	2:30 p.m.
December 3	PITTSBURGH (Mon.)	9:00 p.m.
December 9	at Baltimore	2:00 p.m.
December 15	DETROIT (Sat.)	1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# Miami Key Players



**DICK ANDERSON, DB, 6-2, 186, 6th Yr., Age 27, Colorado**

One of the unsung heroes of the so-called "no-name" defense. A solid performer who comes up with the big play. Has started all but one of 70 regular season games. Had 3 interceptions for 34 yards in 1972 to boost career total to 24 for 594 yards, tops for the Dolphins.

**NICK BUONICONTI, LB, 5-11, 220, 12th Yr., Age 32, Notre Dame**  
Defensive captain and veteran All-League linebacker. Had two interceptions to boost career total to 30. Came to Miami from Patriots in 1969 and has been driving force in making Dolphin defense best in the business.



**LARRY CSONKA, RB, 6-2, 237, 6th Yr., Age 26, Syracuse**

An All-Pro who topped the 1,000-yard mark in 1972 for second straight season with career best of 1,117. Has career rushing total of 870 carries for 4,148 yards and 27 TD's. The classic big back, is pivotal man in Shula's three-back offense. Leading ball carrier in Super Bowl VII.

**MANNY FERNANDEZ, DT, 6-2, 250, 6th Yr., Age 27, Utah**  
Not the biggest defensive tackle in the league, but definitely one of the best. Had outstanding performance in Super Bowl VII victory over Washington. Signed as a free agent in 1968 and has developed into an All-Pro selection.



**MARV FLEMING, TE, 6-4, 232, 11th Yr., Age 31, Utah**

A veteran of three NFL title games and three Super Bowls. Went to Miami after playing out his option in Green Bay. Outstanding blocker. Caught 13 passes for 156 yards in 1972. Has career total of 153 catches for 1,798 yards and 15 touchdowns.

**BOB GRIESE, QB, 6-1, 190, 7th Yr., Age 28, Purdue**  
Injured in the fifth game of 1972, came back to lead Dolphins to Super Bowl victory. Four times named MVP on Dolphins' team. Holds AFL record for best completion percentage in single game with 17 of 21 vs. Jets. Completed 53 of 97 for 638 yards in five game "season" last year. Outstanding leader and student of the game.



**LARRY LITTLE, Guard, 6-1, 285, 7th Yr., Age 27, Bethune-Cookman**  
Top AFC lineman last two years, considered by many to be best guard in the NFL. Superb blocker, great competitor, a Pro Bowl selection. Originally a free agent with San Diego, came to Miami in 1969 trade.

**EARL MORRALL, QB, 6-2, 210, 18th Yr., Age 39, Michigan State**  
Acquired by Miami for 1972 season as "insurance", and started last nine games, leading Dolphins to first perfect season (17-0) in history of NFL. Drafted No. 1 by San Francisco in 1958, has also performed for Pittsburgh, Detroit and Baltimore. Moved into NFL Top 20 with 19,834 career passing yards. Has thrown 155 TD passes.





**MERCURY MORRIS, RB, 5-10, 190, 5th Yr., Age 26, West Texas St.** Exciting triple threat man as runner, receiver and kickoff return specialist. A third of Dolphins' three-back offense, finished with exactly 1,000 yards, his career high. Scored 12 TD's, all by rushing. Averaged 23.9 on 14 kickoff returns. Great outside speed.

**JAKE SCOTT, DB, 6-0, 188, 4th Yr., Age 27, Georgia** An All-Pro safety named the MVP in Super Bowl VII. Led Miami in 1972 with five interceptions for 73 yards. Played two years in Canada before joining Dolphins and has been starter ever since. Has 10-yard career average for 73 punt returns.



**BILL STANFILL, DE, 6-5, 250, 5th Yr., Age 26, Georgia** No. 1 draft choice in 1969, has been defensive starter in every game he's played. Team's top pass rusher, and fierce tackler. Shula ranks him as one of top defensive ends with great size, exceptional strength and quickness. Will get even better.

**PAUL WARFIELD, WR, 6-0, 185, 10th Yr., Age 30, Ohio State** Probably the game's premier receiver, four times a first team All-Pro. Acquired in trade from Cleveland for No. 1 draft pick. Averaged 20.9 yards per catch last season. Has 315 career catches for 6,651 yards, and a spectacular 21-yard average. Great speed, hands and superb moves.



**GARO YEPREMIAN, Kicker, 5-8, 175, 6th Yr., Age 29, No College** Native of Cypress who came to Miami from Detroit. Led NFL in scoring in 1971 with 117 points. Scored 115 last season. Hit 24 of 37 field goals in 1972, missing only once from inside 40. Soccer style kicker with fine accuracy, with 66 percent success for career.



### **Don Shula Head Coach**

Became first coach in annals of the NFL to ever reach the 100-victory plateau in his first 10 years when he annexed a 17-0 mark to his record in 1972. His 105-30-5 won-lost listing is astounding as is his three-year record at Miami of 34-7-1. Following Dolphins' perfect season in 1972, Shula was named Coach of the Year for the sixth time in 10 years. Joined Colts in 1963, and moved to Miami in 1970. Was assistant at Virginia and Kentucky after a seven-year turn as a defensive back in the NFL with Cleveland, Baltimore and Washington. He secured the Colts job after being an assistant coach with the Detroit Lions since 1960. Was a halfback at John Carroll University in Cleveland. Was head coach of three Super Bowl teams, with the first victory coming last season against Washington's Redskins. Of the 100-victory coaches, Shula has the highest victory average with a 10.5 wins per year pace.

# Miami 1972 Club Leaders

## RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Csonka .....	213	1117	5.2	45	6
Morris .....	190	1000	5.3	33	12
Klick .....	137	521	3.8	26	5
Ginn .....	27	142	5.3	22	1
Leigh .....	21	79	3.8	10	0
Morrall .....	17	67	3.9	31t	1
Warfield .....	4	23	5.8	21	0

Johnson .....	3	20	6.7	13	0
Swift .....	3	5	1.7	4	0
Buoniconti ....	2	17	8.5	10	0

## KICKOFF RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Morris .....	14	334	23.9	33	0
Leigh .....	6	153	25.5	45	0
Matheson .....	2	34	17.0	17	0

## PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.
Morrall .....	150	83	55.3	1360	11	7
Griese .....	97	53	54.6	638	4	4
Del Gaizo .....	9	5	55.6	165	2	1
Briscoe .....	3	3	100.0	72	0	0

## PUNT RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Leigh .....	22	210	9.5	27	0
Scott .....	13	100	7.7	15	0
Anderson .....	5	19	3.8	17	0

## PASS REC.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Warfield .....	29	606	20.9	47	3
Klick .....	21	147	7.0	15	1
Twilley .....	20	364	18.2	44	3
Briscoe .....	16	279	17.4	51t	4
Morris .....	15	168	11.2	34	0
Stowe .....	13	276	21.2	49	2
Fleming .....	13	156	12.0	31	1
Mandich .....	11	168	15.3	39	3

## PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Seiple .....	36	1437	39.9	54

## INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Scott .....	5	73	14.6	31	0
Mumphord .....	4	50	12.5	28t	1
Anderson .....	3	34	11.3	22	0
Foley .....	3	25	8.3	15	0

## SCORING

	TD	R	T	D	P	TDs	PAT	FG	PTS.
Yepremian .....	0	0	0	0	43			24	115
Morris .....	12	0	12	0	0			0	72
Csonka .....	6	0	6	0	0			0	36
Klick .....	5	1	6	0	0			0	36
Briscoe .....	0	4	4	0	0			0	24
Mandich .....	0	3	3	0	0			0	18
Twilley .....	0	3	3	0	0			0	18
Warfield .....	0	3	3	0	0			0	18
Stowe .....	0	2	2	0	0			0	12

# Miami All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Larry Csonka, with 870 attempts for 4148 yards, 27 TDs (1968-72)  
 Jim Klick, with 835 attempts for 3113 yards, 27 TDs (1968-72)

## PASSING

Bob Griese, with 10,919 yards, 813 completions, 81 TDs (1967-72)  
 Rick Norton, with 1,751 yards, 156 completions, 6 TDs (1966-69)

## PASS RECEIVING

Howard Twilley, with 148 receptions, 2,198 yards, 16 TDs (1966-72)  
 Karl Noonan, with 136 receptions for 1,798 yards and 17 TDs (0000-00)  
 Paul Warfield, with 100 receptions, 2305 yards, 20 TDs (1970-72)

## INTERCEPTIONS

Dick Anderson, with 24 (1966-72)  
 Jake Scott, with 17 (1970-72)

## SCORING

Garo Yepremian, with 329 points (1970-72)



*Mercury Morris in action vs. Baltimore as he gets part of his season total of 1,000 yards.*



# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS



*Patriots will need more efforts like this flying tackle by linebacker Ron Acks in 1973.*

■ Once again there is new look to the New England Patriots. This time it's new head coach and general manager Chuck Fairbanks, fresh from the collegiate football wars after a highly successful stint as head coach at the University of Oklahoma.

In Fairbanks, the Patriots have an energetic young man accustomed to success, something that has eluded most of his predecessors. However, the new boss is a down to earth type of guy who says, "There are no great secrets to success in football. My approach is to create a whole team of winners ... players, coaches, office personnel ... everyone who has anything to do with this football team. While there is a lot to learn about professional football, I do know something about winning

... and I do know something about people. This is a people business."

What Fairbanks must do with his people is to get them to play tighter defense, for one thing. Last season the Pats allowed more points (446), more first downs (288), and more net yards rushing (2,717) than anyone in football. There are, however, some bright prospects, particularly on the offense, headed by quarterback Jim Plunkett. Plunkett, the first player taken in the 1971 draft, is still considered by most to be the top QB prospect of all the young players. The first three rounds of the draft were used to add offensive help, which promises a season of excitement for Schaefer Stadium fans. ●

# New England Veteran Roster

Pro					Pro							
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	
51	Acks, R.	LB	6-2	214	28	6	35 Matthews, H.	RB	6-3	203	24	2
85	Adams, J.	DT	6-3	260	25	3	71 May, A.	DE	6-3	245	24	2
61	Adams, S.	G	6-3	252	24	2	28 McMahon, A.	S	6-0	190	27	5
31	Ashton, J.	RB	6-1	205	24	2	56 Morris, J.	C	6-4	254	31	10
65	Banks, W.	G	6-2	250	27	3	77 Neville, T.	T	6-4	260	30	9
82	Beer, T.	TE	6-3	235	28	7	44 Outlaw, J.	CB	5-10	180	28	5
88	Berger, R.	DE	6-9	285	27	5	16 Plunkett, J.	QB	6-2	220	25	3
49	Blanchard, D.	LB	6-3	225	24	2	74 Reynolds, B.	T	6-5	265	34	11
27	Bolton, R.	CB	6-2	180	23	2	21 Reynolds, T.	WR	6-3	200	24	2
45	Bryant, H.	WR	5-10	168	27	4	76 Rowe, D.	DT	6-7	280	28	7
41	Carwell, L.	CB	6-1	181	29	7	33 Rucker, R.	WR	6-2	195	25	4
63	Cash, R.	DT	6-5	248	28	5	26 Scott, C.	S	6-2	186	29	5
55	Cindrich, R.	LB	6-1	228	23	2	60 St. Jean, L.	G	5-11	250	31	10
14	Dowling, B.	QB	6-2	210	26	2	2 Studstill, P.	WR	6-0	175	35	12
7	Gogolak, C.	K	5-10	170	28	7	36 Tarver, J.	RB	6-3	227	24	2
62	Hagen, H.	DE	6-5	252	26	5	18 Vataha, R.	WR	5-10	176	24	3
25	Harris, R.	S	5-11	182	30	9	12 Walker, M.	K	6-0	190	23	2
23	Hoey, G.	CB	5-10	170	24	3	42 Webb, D.	S	5-10	195	34	12
29	Jackson, H.	S	6-1	195	24	2	66 Weisacocky, E.	LB	6-0	220	29	7
24	Johnson, D.	CB	5-11	190	27	4	87 White, J.	DE	6-3	256	23	2
52	Kadziel, R.	LB	6-4	230	24	2	86 Windsor, B.	TE	6-4	220	30	7
67	Lenkaitis, B.	G	6-4	255	27	6	70 Wirgowski, D.	DE	6-5	257	25	4
40	Maitland, J.	RB	6-2	211	25	4						

## New England Schedule

September 16	.....	BUFFALO	.....	1:00 p.m.
September 23	.....	KANSAS CITY	.....	1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....	at Miami	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....	BALTIMORE	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....	at New York Jets	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....	at Chicago	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....	MIAMI	.....	1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....	at Philadelphia	.....	1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....	NEW YORK JETS	.....	1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....	GREEN BAY	.....	1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....	at Houston	.....	1:00 p.m.
December 2	.....	SAN DIEGO	.....	1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....	at Buffalo	.....	1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....	at Baltimore	.....	2:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# New England Key Players



**JULIUS ADAMS, DT, 6-3, 260, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Texas Southern**  
 Played defensive end, tackle and linebacker during 1972 season. Knee strain limited participation to 11 games, but still figures to be a great player in the NFL. Number two draft choice in 1971 behind Plunkett. Great size, speed and power.

**JOSH ASHTON, RB, 6-1, 205, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Tulsa**  
 A free agent running back who made it big in his rookie season. Has great speed outside. Played one year in CFL with BC Lions. Finished '72 season as leading rusher on club with 546 yards on 128 carries. Also caught 22 passes and was club's third leading scorer.



**RALPH CINDRICH, LB, 6-1, 222, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Pittsburgh**  
 Joined team mid-season last year as rookie and worked his way into the starting middle linebacker job for last three games. Tied club record with 16 tackles in first game vs. Miami. Has good quickness and might be tried at outside.

**SAM CUNNINGHAM, RB, 6-3, 220, 1st Yr., Age 22, USC**  
 The second player taken by Patriots in first round of draft. Expected to be of immediate help to New England offense. Scored 4 TD's in USC Rose Bowl win over Ohio State to set bowl record. Has 4.6 speed in forty and rated a superior blocker.



**JOHN HANNAH, Guard, 6-2, 271, 1st Yr., Age 22, Alabama**  
 New England's top draft choice, and the 4th player taken in collegiate draft. Considered best one-on-one blocker in college football last year. Bear Bryant calls Hannah finest offensive lineman he ever coached. Counted upon to play as rookie.

**HONOR JACKSON, DB, 6-2, 198, 2nd Yr., Age 24, Pacific**  
 Another free agent who made Pats' squad as rookie. Blossomed into fine strong safety. Had 4 interceptions for 133 yards to rank 5th in AFC. Tied club record with interceptions in three consecutive games.



**JON MORRIS, Center, 6-4, 255, 10th Yr., Age 31, Holy Cross**  
 One of team's most experienced players. Offensive captain and leader of the "Protect Plunkett Platoon." A frequent selection to AFL all-star team. Still considered one of better centers around. Tremendous pass blocker.

**JIM PLUNKETT, QB, 6-3, 220, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Stanford**  
 With draft concentrated on beefing up pass protection and receiving, Plunkett could come into his own. First player taken in 1971 draft, struggled through a frustrating season, completing 169 of 355 for 2,196 yards, but with 25 interceptions. In two years has thrown 27 TD passes. Had off-season knee surgery.





**TOM REYNOLDS, WR, 6-3, 200, 2nd Yr., Age 24, San Diego State**  
Tallied two TD's in rookie season last year. Saw action as reserve at both wide receiver spots and on special teams. Strong chance to move into starting lineup in 1973.

**REGGIE RUCKER, 6-2, 195, 4th Yr., Age 25, Boston U.**  
Acquired via waivers in 1971, came on strong last season to finish as club's leading receiver with 44 catches for 681 yards and three touchdowns. Also averaged 28 yards on 8 kickoff returns. Has seen duty with Dallas and N.Y. Giants.



**DARRYL STINGLEY, WR, 6-0, 187, 1st Yr., Age 21, Purdue**  
Finished Purdue career as No. 3 all-time receiver with 1,256 yards in three seasons. Had four TD catches over 65 yards. Has blazing speed and ability to get deep. Could also be used as return specialist.

**RANDY VATAHA, WR, 5-10, 163, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Stanford**  
Led club in receiving as rookie in 1971 and was third in AFC. Finished 4th on club in 1972 due to frequent double coverage. Still had 25 catches for 369 yards. Has caught 11 scoring passes in two seasons. College teammate of QB Jim Plunkett.



**BOB WINDSOR, TE, 6-4, 225, 7th Yr., Age 30, Kentucky**  
Obtained last season in trade with San Francisco. Was immediate starter and finished as club's 2nd leading receiver with 33 catches good for 383 yards. Has caught 144 passes in 6 year career and is being counted on in '73 by Pats.



### **Chuck Fairbanks** *Head Coach*

Coaching career spans 18 years at high school and college levels. First year in pro football after completing successful six-year stint at Oklahoma where his teams compiled a 52-15-1 record, including a 3-1-1 post-season mark with wins in the Orange (1967) and Sugar (1971 and 1972).

Bowls. Started as student assistant under Duffy Daugherty at Michigan State during spring drills prior to his June, 1955, graduation from MSU. Spent 1955-1957 as head coach at Ishpeming, Mich. High School before becoming defensive backfield coach at Arizona State under Frank Kush. In 1962 he moved to the Univ. of Houston and in 1966 to Oklahoma before being named to the head job in 1967. He is the sixth head coach of the Patriots in the 13-year history of the club. Fairbanks played end on Michigan State's National Championship team of 1952 and the Big Ten Champion of 1953 that won the 1954 Rose Bowl game against UCLA.

# New England 1972 Club Leaders

<b>RUSHING</b>	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	<b>KICKOFF RET.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Garrett .....	131	488	3.7	41t	5	Garrett .....	16	410	25.6	49	0
Ashton .....	128	546	4.3	35	3	Ashton .....	15	309	20.6	31	0
Tarver .....	42	132	3.1	18	1	Hoey .....	9	210	23.3	30	0
Plunkett .....	36	230	6.4	21	1	Rucker .....	8	227	28.4	43	0
Gladieux .....	24	56	2.3	11	0	Matthews .....	3	74	24.7	29	0
Maitland .....	13	33	2.5	6	0	Maitland .....	3	48	16.0	19	0

<b>PASSING</b>	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.	<b>PUNT RET.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Plunkett	355	169	47.6	2,196	8	25	Garrett .....	6	36	6.0	27	0
Dowling	54	29	53.7	383	2	1	Carwell .....	5	2	0.44		0
							Harris .....	4	5	1.2	5	0

<b>PASS REC.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	<b>PUNTING</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Rucker .....	44	681	15.5	62	3	Studstill .....	75	2859	38.1	57
Windsor .....	33	383	11.6	24	1					
Garrett .....	30	410	13.7	43	0					
Vataha .....	25	369	14.8	44	2					
Ashton .....	22	207	9.4	24	1					
Gladieux .....	19	192	10.1	31	0					
Tarver .....	11	112	10.2	22	1					
T. Reynolds	8	152	19.0	36t	2					

<b>INTER-CEPTIONS</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	<b>SCORING</b>	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	PTs
Jackson .....	4	133	33.3	55	0	Garrett	5	0	5	0	0	30
Harris .....	3	45	15.0	32	0	Gogolak	0	0	0	9	6	27
Hoey .....	1	25	25.0	25	0	Ashton	3	1	4	0	0	24
Blanchard .....	1	20	20.0	20	0	Walker	0	0	0	15	2	21
Carwell .....	1	0	0.0	0	0	Dowling	3	0	3	0	0	18
						Rucker	0	3	3	0	0	18
						T. Reynolds	0	2	2	0	0	12
						Tarver	1	1	2	0	0	12
						Vataha	0	2	2	0	0	12

# New England All-Time Club Leaders

<b>RUSHING</b>		
Jim Nance, with 5,323 yards in 1,323 carries for 45 TDs	(1965-'71)	
Larry Garron, with 2,992 yards in 761 carries for 14 TDs	(1960-'68)	

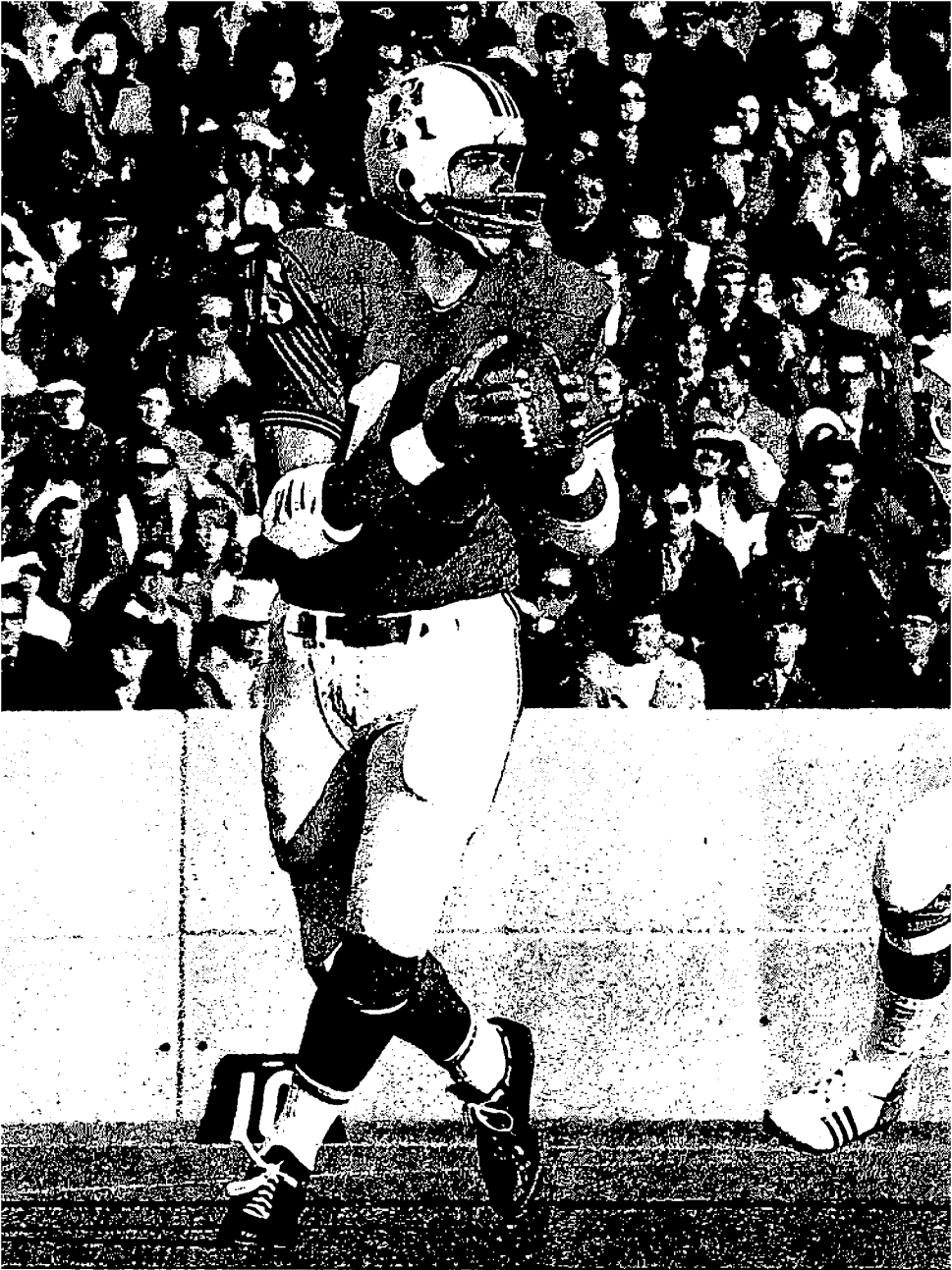
<b>PASSING</b>		
Vito (Babe) Parilli, with 1,047 completions in 2,412 attempts for 132 TDs	(1961-'67)	

<b>PASS RECEIVING</b>		
Jim Colclough, with 283 receptions for 5,001 yards and 39 TDs	(1960-'68)	
Gino Cappelletti, with 279 receptions for 4,393 yards and 40 TDs	(1960-'70)	

<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>		
Ron Hall, with 29	(1961-'67)	

<b>SCORING</b>		
*Gino Cappelletti, with 1,130 points	(1960-'70)	
Jim Colclough, with 234 points	(1960-'68)	
Jim Nance, with 234 points	(1965-'71)	

\*AFL all-time record



***Quarterback Jim Plunkett will try to bounce back after knee surgery to spark beefed-up Patriot offense.***

# NEW YORK JETS



*Bobby Howfield, was leading scorer in the AFC with 121 points.*

■As long as Joe Namath is healthy and available, the Jets have to be a factor in any playoff plans. And with a shored up defense, New York should be right back among the contenders in 1973. The Jets traded for proven help at defensive end and cornerback, then tabbed defensive back Burgess Owens, a rookie with a "can't miss" label, as their first draft pick.

The offense lived up to expectations last season, finishing second only to Miami in total offense. The Jet passing attack was the best in the National Football League. There is no reason to expect that the offense won't be just as formidable in 1973 for Coach Weeb Ewbank's

final season in pro football as a head coach.

Although the team finished with a disappointing 7-7 record, the Jets walked off with a basket-full of individual honors. Namath, Winston Hill and Rich Caster were selected for the Pro Bowl. John Riggins suffered an odd injury which left him just four yards shy of the club rushing record. Kicker Bobby Howfield led the AFC in scoring with 121 points. Chris Farasopoulos led the AFC in punt returns and Emerson Boozer, despite missing two games, tied for the non-kicking scoring championship in the NFL with 14 touchdowns.

Don't worry about the Jets ... they'll be back. ●

# New York Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro	
					Age	Yr.						Age	Yr.
1	Adamle, M.	RB	5-9	197	23	33	63	Kirksey, R.	G-DT	6-1	252	25	3
82	Arthur, G.	TE	6-5	230	25	3	57	Little, J.	DT	6-3	245	26	4
62	Atkinson, A.	LB	6-2	230	30	9	84	Lomas, M.	DT	6-4	245	25	4
51	Baker, R.	LB	6-3	228	31	10	13	Maynard, D.	WR	6-1	179	36	15
83	Barkum, J.	WR	6-3	215	23	2	42	McClain, C.	RB	6-0	217	25	4
7	Bell, E.	WR	5-10	160	26	4	71	Mooring, J.	T-C	6-6	255	26	3
40	Bjorklund, H.	RB	6-1	200	23	2	12	Namath, J.	QB	6-2	200	30	9
32	Boozler, E.	RB	5-11	195	30	8	81	Neal, R.	DE	6-3	260	25	5
88	Caster, R.	TE	6-5	228	24	4	20	O'Neal, S.*	P	6-3	185	27	5
56	Crane, P.	LB-C	6-2	212	29	8	66	Rasmussen, R.	G	6-2	255	28	7
15	Davis, B.*	QB	6-2	205	28	7	44	Riggins, J.	RB	6-2	230	24	3
55	Ebersole, J.	LB	6-3	227	24	4	52	Schmitt, J.	C	6-4	250	30	10
80	Elliott, J.	DT	6-4	244	28	7	46	Sowells, R.	CB	6-0	175	24	3
	Emerson, V.	T	6-5	260	27	4	89	Stewart, W.	TE	6-7	228	26	5
19	Farasopoulos, C.	S	5-11	190	24	3	76	Svihus, B.	T	6-4	245	30	9
85	Galigher, E.	DT	6-4	255	22	2	21	Tannen, S.	CB	6-1	194	25	4
60	Grantham, L.	LB	6-0	210	34	14	50	Taylor, M.	LB	6-1	230	23	2
36	Harkey, S.	RB	6-0	215	24	3	45	Thomas, E.	CB	6-1	190	27	4
67	Herman, D.	G	6-1	255	32	10	87	Thompson, S.	DT	6-5	237	28	5
33	Hicks, W. K.	S	6-1	198	31	10	29	Turner, R.	WR	6-0	190	23	2
75	Hill, W.	T	6-4	270	31	11	27	Wise, P.	S	6-0	190	24	3
24	Howell, D.	CB	6-4	200	25	4	18	Woodall, A.	QB	6-5	205	27	5
3	Howfield, B.	K	5-9	180	36	6	53	Zapalac, B.	LB	6-4	225	25	3
86	Jackson, J.	DT	6-4	257	24	2							

\*Traded to New Orleans

## New York Schedule

September 17	.....at Green Bay (Mil-Mon)	..8:00 p.m.
September 23	.....at Baltimore	.....2:00 p.m.
September 30	.....at Buffalo	.....1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....MIAMI	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....NEW ENGLAND	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....PITTSBURGH	.....1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....DENVER	.....1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....at Miami	.....1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....at New England	.....1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....at Cincinnati	.....1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....ATLANTA	.....4:00 p.m.
December 2	.....BALTIMORE	.....1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....at Philadelphia	.....1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....BUFFALO	.....1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)



# New York Key Players



**AL ATKINSON, LB, 6-2, 230, 9th Yr., Age 30, Villanova**  
Has been standout for Jets at middle spot, and might be tried outside this year. Has the speed to cover outside sweeps and the power to close down at the line. Had one interception in '72. Missed final game with ankle injury.

**EMERSON BOZZER, RB, 5-11, 195, 8th Yr., Age 30, Maryland State**  
Seventh leading active rusher in the AFC with 3,690 yards. Teams with John Riggins to give Jets its best running attack ever. Set Jet record with 11 TD's rushing in 1972. Caught three TD's to tie for NFL lead in non-kick scoring. Had 549 yards in 1972.



**RICHARD CASTER, TE, 6-5, 228, 4th Yr., Age 24, Jackson State**  
Made switch to tight end in 1972 and was so effective he was selected to Pro Bowl. Led Jets in all receiving categories with 39 catches for 833 yards, 10 TD's and a 21.4 average. Has great speed and size for both receiving and blocking.

**JOHN ELLIOTT, DT, 6-4, 244, 7th Yr., Age 28, Texas**  
One of the premier defensive linemen in football, came off knee surgery last season and fought his way back to original form. Great pass rusher with amazing quickness. Before 1971 knee injury, was All-AFC and a Pro Bowl selection.



**CHRIS FARASPOULOS, DB, 5-11, 190, 3rd Yr., Age 24, BYU**  
Won starting free safety spot in camp and proceeded to grade out as Jets' best defensive back. Also handled return work, leading AFC in punt returns with 10.5 average and topped club in kickoff returns with 24.1 mean. Intercepted two passes for 48 yards.

**WINSTON HILL, Tackle, 6-4, 270, 11th Yr., Age 31, Texas Southern**  
One of truly great offensive tackles . . . Earned Pro Bowl honors for 6th straight time in 1972. Has played in 138 straight games, longest string by a Jet, and is offensive co-captain as well as player representative. Neutralizes the pass rush.



**BOBBY HOWFIELD, Kicker, 5-9, 180, 6th Yr., Age 36, No College**  
Enjoyed his finest season in the NFL last year, leading AFC in scoring with 121 points. Was 3rd best among AFC kickers in field goal percentage with .730 mark (27 of 37). Kicked 6 field goals in 18-17 Jets' win over New Orleans, with last one a 42-yarder at final gun.

**DON MAYNARD, WR, 6-1, 179, 15th Yr., Age 38, Texas Western**  
The all-time receiving leader in NFL history, both in yardage and receptions. Has 632 career catches for 11,816 yards, or 6 2/3 miles. Has also caught 88 TD passes, second only to Don Hutson's 99 for Packers. Caught 29 for 510 yards and 2 TD's in 1972.





**JOE NAMATH, QB, 6-2, 200, 9th Yr., Age 30, Alabama**

Fully recovered from injuries of 1970 and 1971, Joe put together superb season, passing for more yards than any other QB in pro ball. Regained his spot as the all-pro QB on most teams. 1972 statistics: 162 of 324 for 2,816 yards and 19 TD's.

**RICHARD NEAL, DE, 6-3, 260, 5th Yr., Age 25, Southern**

Acquired from New Orleans for high draft choices just prior to draft. Was regular defensive end for Saints and was elected team captain in 1972. Will take over at left end in place of departed Gerry Philbin. Should give Jets solid pass rush.



**RANDY RASMUSSEN, Guard, 6-2, 255, 7th Yr., Age 28, Kearney St.**

One of leaders on offensive line, has been regular left guard since second season. Named to All-AFC second teams after very fine year in 1972. Great pass blocker and perhaps best pulling guard Jets have ever had. Very quick for his size.

**JOHN RIGGINS, RB, 6-2, 230, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Kansas**

Had phenomenal soph season despite nagging injuries which forced him to miss final two games. Rushed for 944 yards, only four yards shy of Jet season record, and good for 7th place in AFC. Finest day was vs. New England with 168 yards on 32 carries.



**EARLIE THOMAS, CB, 6-1, 190, 4th Yr., Age 27, Colorado State**

One of top cornerbacks in NFL, anchors the Jets' deep backs. Outstanding on man-to-man coverage and zone work is improving. As rookie, was tested 11 times by Rams and gave up no catches. Good speed, long arms and closesdown strongly on runs to his side.

**Weeb Ewbank**

**Head Coach**



Ewbank is entering his 20th and final year as a pro football head coach. His tenure includes three World Championships, over 100 pro victories, and the title of Coach of the Decade in the old American Football League. His overall record is 140-123-7. The Jets won the pro football crown in

1968 under Ewbank. While the head coach of the Baltimore colts in the old NFL he guided them to back-to-back titles in 1958 and 1950. Began career as an assistant at his alma mater, Miami (O.) and spent 14 seasons there. In 1943 he joined Paul Brown at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station as an assistant. After World War II he became backfield coach at Brown, and after one season moved to Washington U. in St. Louis as head grid coach. In 1949, Weeb entered the pros by rejoining Brown in Cleveland, serving as line coach. Then came 1954 and the Baltimore Colts job. In 1963, Ewbank joined the Jets and in 1968 came the Super Bowl victory over the Baltimore Colts. As an undergraduate at Miami (O.), Weeb was a quarterback, captain of the baseball team and a forward on the basketball team.

# New York 1972 Club Leaders

RUSHING						KICKOFF RET.						
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	
Riggins .....	207	944	4.6	40	7	Farasopoulos ..	26	627	24.1	51	0	
Boozer .....	120	549	4.6	37t	11	Wise .....	9	211	23.4	33	0	
McClain .....	59	305	5.2	30	0	Bjorklund .....	7	150	21.4	27	0	
Harkey .....	45	129	2.9	10	0	Hicks .....	4	73	18.3	23	0	
Bjorklund ...	15	42	2.8	10	0							
.												
PASSING						PUNT RET.						
	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs Int.		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	
Namath	324	162	50.0	2,816	19 21	Farasopoulos ..	17	179	10.5	65t	1	
Davis	22	10	45.4	114	2 1	Turner .....	5	38	7.6	16	0	
.												
Pass Rec.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	Hicks .....	3	25	8.3	20	0	
Caster .....	39	833	21.4	80t	10	PUNTING						
Bell .....	35	629	18.0	83t	2		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long		
Maynard ....	29	510	17.6	41	2	O'Neal .....	51	2006	39.3	57		
Riggins .....	21	230	11.1	67t	1	SCORING						
Barkum .....	16	304	19.0	52	2		TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	PTs
Boozer .....	11	142	12.9	49t	3	Howfield	0	0	0	40	27	121
Harkey .....	9	114	12.7	24	0	Boozer	11	3	14	0	0	84
McClain .....	6	88	14.7	44	0	Caster	0	10	10	0	0	60
.												
INTERCEP-	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	Riggins	7	1	8	0	0	48
TIONS						Bell	0	2	2	0	0	12
Tannen .....	7	125	17.9	32	0	Maynard	0	2	2	0	0	12
Farasopoulos ..	2	48	24.0	25	0	Barkum	0	2	2	0	0	12
Sowells .....	2	14	7.0	14	0							
Baker .....	2	0	0.0	0	0							

# New York All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Matt Snell, with 4,285 yards in 1057 carries, 24 TDs (1964-'71)  
 Bill Mathis, with 3,589 yards in 1044 carries, 37 TDs (1960-'69)

## PASSING

Joe Namath, with 1,306 completions for 20,099 yards, 126 TDs (1965-'71)  
 Al Dorow, with 398 completions for 5,399 yards, 45 TDs (1960-'61)

## PASS RECEIVING

Don Maynard, with 627 receptions for 11,732 yards, 88 TDs (1960-'71)  
 George Sauer, with 309 receptions for 4,965 yards, 28 TDs (1965-'70)

## INTERCEPTIONS

Bill Baird, with 34 (1963-'69)  
 Dainard Paulson, with 29 (1965-'70)

## SCORING

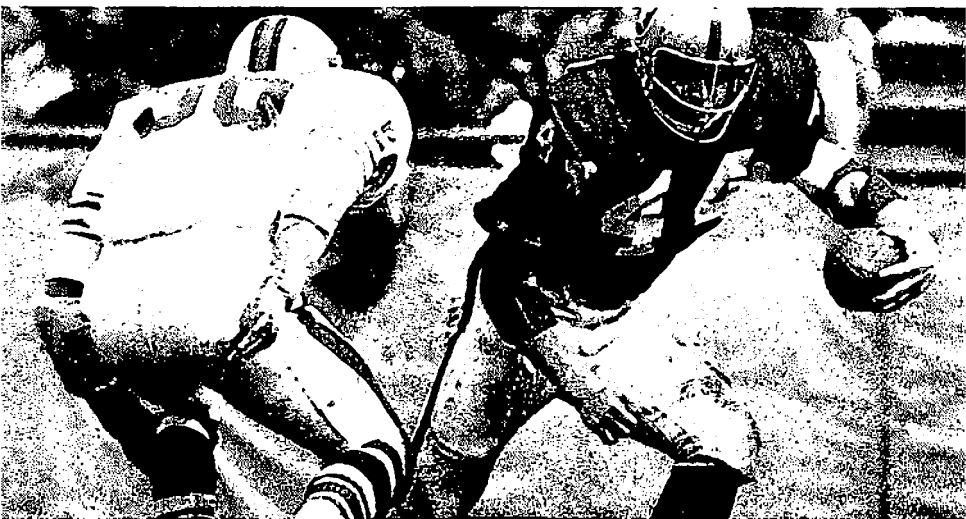
Jim Turner, with 697 points (1964-'70)  
 Don Maynard, with 534 points (1960-'71)

\*All-Time Pro Record



*Joe Namath handing off to Riggins, a familiar site to Jet fans and a combination counted upon for big yardage in 1973.*

# OAKLAND RAIDERS



*Leading Raider rusher Marv Hubbard getting portion of his 1,100 rushing yards in 1972.*

■Oakland is the winningest team in professional football during the past decade, and there are no signs to indicate the Raiders are about to let up. In fact, winning has become a habit for the Pride and Poise crew, having taken the AFC Western Division championship five of the last six years. And the 1972 Raider team was typical of recent years, as they sputtered some in the early going, then won the last six games to capture a playoff berth.

But with all the success, the big one has eluded the Silver and Black. In 1967 they did make it to the Super Bowl, but were dumped by Green Bay, 33-14 and the Raiders have been frustrated each year in their attempt to return for another crack at the grand prize.

Only three teams produced better win-loss records than

Oakland in 1972, and although the Raiders drafted at the tail end, once again they seemed to come up with the key rookies most likely to help the squad. Punter-kicker Ray Guy was the choice, to bolster the weakest part of the Oakland squad last year which finished third to Miami and the Jets in total offense. In fact, the Raider drafting and scouting organization is considered to be the NFL's best, as there always seem to be two or three prize rookies make the Raider squad each year, enabling them to maintain a good balance of youth and experience.

Although the AFC West appears to again be one of the stronger divisions, don't bet against the Raiders. Experience would say the odds are against anyone who does. ●

# Oakland Veteran Roster

							Pro														Pro						
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.							
27	Allen, J.	S	6-1	190	25	5	3	Lamonica, D.	QB	6-3	215	32	11	42	Maxwell, T.	S	6-2	195	26	5							
43	Atkinson, G.	S	6-0	180	26	6	54	Mendenhall, T.	LB	6-1	210	24	3	77	Mix, R.	T	6-4	250	35	12							
40	Banaszak, P.	RB	5-11	210	29	8	88	Moore, B.	TE	6-3	220	24	3	34	Otto, G.	LB	6-1	220	29	9							
25	Biletnikoff, F.	WR	6-1	190	30	9	00	Otto, J.	C	6-2	255	35	14	53	Purnell, J.	LB	6-2	238	31	9							
16	Blanda, G.	QB-K6-2	215	45	24		47	Queen, J.	RB-TE	6-1	217	27	5	65	Seiler, P.	C-T	6-4	260	27	5							
21	Branch, C.	WR	5-11	170	25	2	78	Shell, A.	T	6-5	265	26	6	60	Sistrunk, O.	DT	6-4	255	26	2							
76	Brown, B.	T	6-4	280	31	10	49	Siani, M.	WR	6-2	195	23	2	45	Slough, G.	LB	6-3	230	26	3							
24	Brown, W.	CB	6-1	195	32	11	60	Sistrunk, O.	DT	6-4	255	26	2	23	Smith, C.	RB	6-0	205	27	6							
64	Buehler, G.	G	6-2	260	26	5	12	Stabler, K.	QB	6-3	215	27	4	66	Sullivan, D.	G	6-3	250	33	12							
	Calland, L.	CB	6-0	190	32	11	31	Tatum, J.	S	5-11	200	24	3	31	Tatum, J.	S	5-11	200	24	3							
51	Carroll, J.	LB	6-1	220	23	2	26	Thomas, A.	CB-S6-1	205	23	2	80	Thoms. A.	DT	6-5	260	26	5								
87	Chester, R.	TE	6-3	225	25	4	80	Thoms. A.	DT	6-5	260	26	5	63	Upshaw, G.	G	6-5	255	28	7							
84	Cline, T.	DE	6-3	244	25	4	83	Vanoy, V.	DT	6-8	275	26	4	75	Vella, J.	T	6-4	255	23	2							
55	Connors, D.	LB	6-1	230	31	10	41	Villapiano, P.	LB	6-1	222	24	3	20	Warren, J.	CB-S5-11	175	34	10								
50	Dalby, D.	C	6-2	240	22	2	48	Wilson, N.	CB	6-0	165	30	9	56	Koegel, W.	C	6-3	260	23	2							
93	Davidson, B.	DE	6-8	280	33	12																					
28	Davis, C.	RB	5-10	195	24	3																					
10	Denson, A.	WR	6-2	212	31	9																					
4	DePoyster, J.	K	6-1	200	27	4																					
72	Ferguson, G.	T	6-8	300	25	4																					
32	Highsmith, D.	RB	6-0	210	25	4																					
44	Hubbard, M.	RB	6-1	225	27	5																					
86	Irons, G.	LB	6-2	230	26	4																					
82	Jones, H.	DE	6-3	255	24	3																					
74	Keating, T.	DT	6-2	247	31	9																					
56	Koegel, W.	C	6-3	260	23	2																					

## Oakland Schedule

September 16	.....at Minnesota	.....1:00 p.m.
September 23	.....MIAMI	.....1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....at Kansas City	.....3:00 p.m.
October 7	.....at St. Louis	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....SAN DIEGO	.....1:00 p.m.
October 22	.....at Denver (Mon.)	.....7:00 p.m.
October 28	.....at Baltimore	.....2:00 p.m.
November 4	.....NEW YORK GIANTS	.....1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....PITTSBURGH	.....1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....CLEVELAND	.....1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....at San Diego	.....1:00 p.m.
December 2	.....at Houston	.....1:00 p.m.
December 8	.....KANSAS CITY (Sat.)	.....1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....DENVER	.....1:00 p.m.
(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)		

# Oakland Key Players



**FRED BILETNIKOFF, WR, 6-1, 190, 9th Yr., Age 30, Florida State**  
Topped Raiders in receiving for fifth straight year and finished second in NFL with 58 receptions for 802 yards and seven touchdowns. NFL receiving champion in 1972 with 61 catches. Also had 61 in 1968. Raiders all-time receiving leader. Played in last three Pro Bowls.

**GEORGE BLANDA, QB-K, 6-2, 215, 24th Yr., Age 45, Kentucky**  
Pro football's all-time leading scorer with 1,742 points. Holds nearly all extra point and field goal kicking records. Has played in 182 consecutive games, just six shy of NFL mark. Oldest active player. Has scored 603 points in six years with Raiders.



**WILLIE BROWN, DB, 6-1, 195, 11th Yr., Age 32, Grambling**  
All-pro corner back for several years. Starter in last three Pro Bowl games. Raiders' defensive captain. Had four interceptions for 26 yards in 1972; has 38 for career. Shares NFL record with four interceptions in one game. Has played in eight all-star games.

**RAYMOND CHESTER, TE, 6-3, 225, 4th Yr., Age 25, Morgan State**  
One of the NFL's fine young tight ends. Three-time Pro Bowl performer. Caught 34 passes for 576 yards, eight TDs in 1972. Now has 104 catches, 22 touchdowns for three years. Fine blocker, helped Raiders establish rushing records. Once caught eight passes in one game.



**DAN CONNERS, LB, 6-1, 230, 10th Yr., Age 32, Miami (Fla.)**  
One of the cleverest ballhawks in the NFL. Has scored five touchdowns in nine years as middle linebacker, three on interception returns and two on fumble recovery returns. Has 12 career interceptions, 17 fumble recoveries. Played in AFL all-Star games three times.

**MARV HUBBARD, RB, 6-1, 225, 5th Yr., Age 27, Colgate**  
One of the NFL's premier running backs with 1,100 yards, fifth in league and third in AFC. Also topped Raiders in rushing in 1972 with 867 yards. Three times went over 100 yards in '72 with best of 125 on 24 carries at Green Bay. Played in last two Pro Bowl games.



**DARYLE LAMONICA, QB, 6-3, 215, 11th Yr., Age 32, Notre Dame**  
Enjoyed his finest passing season in terms of interceptions, losing only 12 while throwing 18 touchdowns. Has 145 touchdown passes in six years with Raiders, most in NFL by considerable margin. Twice voted AFI's Most Valuable Player. Has 63-15-6 record in six years.

**JIM OTTO, C, 6-2, 255, 14th Yr., Age 35, Miami (Fla.)**  
One of the most honored players in the history of professional football. Has been named to an all-star team for 13 straight years. Has played in 182 straight games with Raiders, just six shy of NFL record. Fine blocker, tremendous competitor. All-time AFL center.





**ART SHELL, T, 6-5, 265, 6th Yr., Age 26, Md. (Eastern Shore)**  
Continued progress by being named to Pro Bowl squad. Has never missed a game in five years; been a starter for three seasons. Helped Raiders set NFL record for first downs (297) in 1972 and establish team marks for rushing.

**CHARLIE SMITH, RB, 6-0, 205, 6th Yr., Age 27, Utah**  
Solid performer both rushing and receiving. Had 686 yards rushing to rank 11th in NFL. Caught 28 passes for 353 yards and two scores. Outstanding against Cincinnati with 146 yards on 25 carries, tops in career. Equalled Raiders' record with eight rushing TDs in 1972.



**ART THOMS, DT, 6-5, 260, 5th Yr., Age 26, Syracuse**  
Turned in fine year for Raiders in 1972. Intercepted pass at Houston, recovered fumble at Kansas City. NFL's top kick blocker last year, stopping three field goal tries and one extra point. Excellent movement, lateral pursuit. Raiders' No. 1 draft pick in 1969. Still improving.

**GENE UPSHAW, G, 6-5, 255, 7th Yr., Age 28, Texas A&I**  
A number one draft choice in 1967 who has been a starter and all-star player for six seasons. Has played in 84 straight games. Outstanding speed for his size and leads outside running game. Played in last three Pro Bowls. Brother of Kansas City Chiefs; DE Marvin Upshaw.



**PHIL VILLAPIANO, LB, 6-1, 222, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Bowling Green**  
A number two draft selection in 1971 who earned starting berth as rookie and has continued fine play through two seasons. Had three interceptions for 97 yards and one 82-yard touchdown in 1972; two interceptions in 1971. Strong, aggressive tackler.



### **John Madden** *Head Coach*

Madden's Raiders teams have had nothing but winning records since the former San Diego State assistant joined Oakland. His first team in 1969 produced an excellent 12-1-1 mark after which he was named Coach of the Year. His other marks are 8-4-2 in 1970, 8-4-2 in 1971 and 10-3-1 in 1972. One of the youngest coaches ever to be in charge of an NFL Pro Bowl team, he was head coach of AFC all-stars in 1971. Prior to taking charge of the Raider staff, Madden served as linebacker mentor in 1967-68. Overall his Raiders clubs have won at a 76 per cent clip (38-12-6). Started coaching career at age 23 at Hancock Junior College in 1960. The year before he had been with the Philadelphia Eagles but a knee injury halted his pro playing days. Graduated from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo, where he was an all-conference tackle and a catcher on the baseball team. At age 37, he is the NFL's youngest head coach.



# Oakland 1972 Club Leaders

## RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Hubbard .....	219	1100	5.0	39	4
Smith .....	170	686	4.0	28	8
Davis .....	71	363	5.1	45	6
Banaszak .....	30	138	4.6	15	1
Lamonica .....	10	33	3.3	14	0
Stabler .....	6	27	4.5	15	0
Highsmith .....	9	11	1.2	12	1
Queen .....	4	10	2.5	10	0

Brown .....	4	26	6.5	13	0
Villapiano .....	3	97	32.3	82	1
Irons .....	2	18	9.0	11	0

## KICKOFF RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Davis .....	18	464	25.8	49	0
Branch .....	9	191	21.2	31	0
Atkinson .....	3	75	25.0	34	0
Maxwell .....	1	26	26.0	26	0
Warren .....	4	57	14.3	27	0

## PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.
Lamonica .....	281	149	53.0	1,998	18	12
Stabler .....	74	44	59.5	524	4	3
Blanda .....	15	5	33.0	77	1	0

## PUNT RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Atkinson .....	10	33	3.3	8	0
Branch .....	12	21	1.8	14	0
Maxwell .....	2	12	6.0	9	0

## PASS REC.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Biletnikoff .....	58	802	13.8	39	7
Chester .....	34	576	16.5	68	8
Siani .....	28	496	17.7	70	5
Smith .....	28	353	12.6	43	2
Hubbard .....	22	103	4.7	21	0
Banaszak .....	9	63	7.0	16	0
Davis .....	8	82	10.3	26	0
Moore .....	6	49	8.2	17	1

## PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
DePovster .....	55	2031	36.9	57

## INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Tatum .....	4	91	22.8	56	0
Wilson .....	4	48	12.0	32	0
Atkinson .....	4	37	9.3	23	0

## SCORING

	TDR	TD	PT	TDs	PAT	FG	PTS
Blanda .....	0	0	0	44	17	95	
Smith .....	8	2	10	0	0	60	
Chester .....	0	8	8	0	0	48	
Biletnikoff .....	0	7	7	0	0	42	
Davis .....	6	0	6	0	0	36	
Siani .....	0	5	5	0	0	30	
Hubbard .....	4	0	4	0	0	24	

# Oakland All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

*Clem Daniels, with 5,103 yards in 1,133 carries	(1961-'67)
Hewritt Dixon, with 2,960 yards in 731 carries	(1966-'70)

## PASSING

Daryle Lamonica, with 1,093 completions in 2,146 attempts for 18,006 yards and 145 TDs	(1967-'72)
Tom Flores, with 810 completions in 1,640 attempts for 11,635 yards and 92 TDs	(1960-'66)

## PASS RECEIVING

Fred Biletnikoff, with 360 receptions for 5,852 yards and 49 TDs	(1965-'72)
Art Powell, with 254 receptions for 4,491 yards and 50 TDs	(1963-'66)

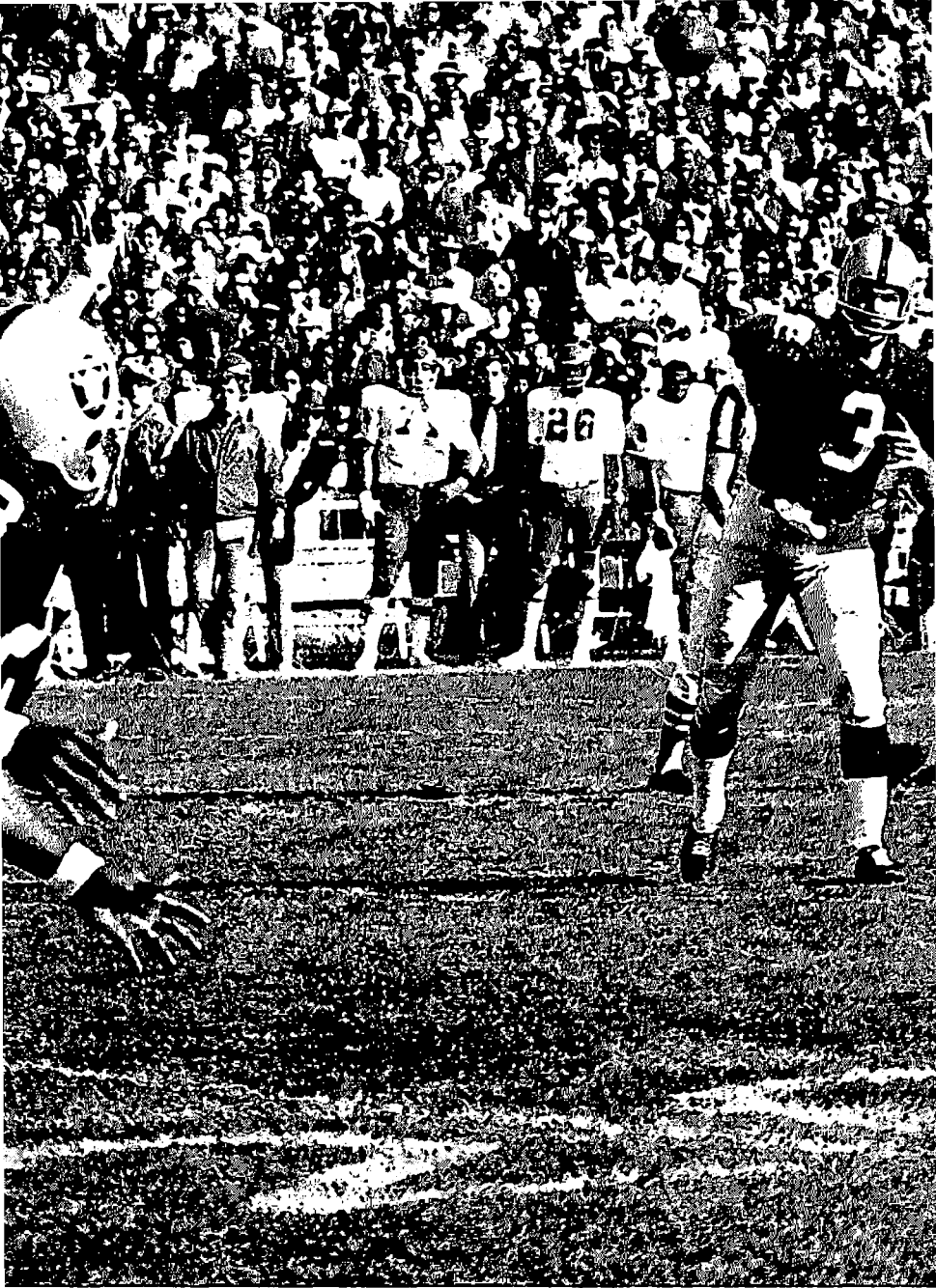
## INTERCEPTIONS

Dave Grayson, with 29	(1965-'70)
Fred Williamson, with 25	(1961-'64)

## SCORING

George Blanda, with 603 points	(1967-'72)
Clem Daniels, with 324 points	(1962-'67)

\*AFL all-time record



*Quarterback Daryle Lamonica unloads to Clarence Davis.*

# PITTSBURGH STEELERS



*Franco Harris ignited Steeler running game and became only 5th player in pro football history to gain over 1,000 yards in rookie season.*

■With a young team coming off an impressive 11-3 record, it is logical to assume that 1973 will bring further improvement to the Steeler team. Much improvement would probably cause 1973 foes to throw in the towel against the defending AFC Central champions who came within a freak play of going to the AFC Championship Game.

There really don't appear to be any major weaknesses in the Steelers. The running game was second only to Miami. Quarterback Terry Bradshaw and three fleet veteran receivers have the aerial game well in hand, and a magnificent defense finished second to Miami in total points allowed, and permitted fewer touchdowns than any other team in pro football. So fearsome was

the Steeler defense that it did not allow a touchdown in seven different regular season games.

The great performance of Franco Harris enabled the Steelers to have a more balanced offense. The starting backs... Harris and John Fuqua... accounted for more than 1,700 yards on the ground.

The 28 interceptions by the Steeler secondary was a complete turnabout. After being tabbed a problem area, the defensive backs and linebackers combined to lead the NFL in pass thefts.

Blend in near-perfect work by the Steeler special teams, and one is quick to agree with the consensus of opinion: there are no major weaknesses on the '73 squad. ●

# Pittsburgh Veteran Roster

Pro					Pro						
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.
85	Adams, B.	TE	6-2	225	27 4	5	Hanratty, T.	QB	6-1	210	25 5
49	Anderson, R.	S	6-1	180	24 3	32	Harris, F.	RB	6-2	230	23 2
46	Bankston, W.	RB	6-4	235	26 5	63	Holmes, E.	DT	6-3	260	25 2
20	Bleier, R.	RB	5-11	210	27 5	77	Holmes, M.	G-T	6-3	251	23 3
47	Blount, M.	CB	6-3	205	25 4	55	Kolb, J.	T	6-2	262	26 5
38	Bradley, E.	LB	6-2	239	23 2	43	Lewis, F.	WR	6-1	196	26 3
12	Bradshaw, T.	QB	6-3	215	25 4	56	Mansfield, R.	C	6-3	260	32 11
74	Brown, J.	T	6-2	255	34 12	60	McGee, B.	DT	6-3	260	33 10
84	Brown, L.	TE	6-4	229	24 3	89	McMakin, J.	TE	6-3	232	22 2
50	Clack, J.	C	6-3	250	25 3	72	Mullins, G.	T-G	6-3	244	24 3
53	Davis, H.	LB	6-3	225	30 6	83	Pearson, B.	WR	5-11	185	23 2
57	Davis, S.	G	6-1	255	29 7	26	Pearson, P.	RB	6-1	205	28 7
35	Davis, S.	RB	6-1	218	23 2	48	Rowser, J.	CB	6-1	190	29 7
29	Dockery, J.	CB	6-0	185	29 6	34	Russell, A.	LB	6-2	225	32 9
27	Edwards, G.	S	6-0	185	26 3	25	Shanklin, R.	WR	6-1	190	25 4
33	Fuqua, J.	RB	5-11	205	27 5	61	Stenger, B.	LB	6-4	241	26 5
64	Furness, S.	DT	6-4	255	22 2	66	Van Dyke, B.	G	6-2	255	29 8
10	Gerela, R.	K	5-10	185	25 5	23	Wagner, M.	S	6-1	210	24 3
17	Gilliam, J.	QB	6-2	187	22 2	39	Walden, B.	P	6-0	190	35 10
81	Gravelle, G.	T	6-5	250	24 2	90	Webster, G.	LB	6-4	220	27 7
75	Greene, J.	DT	6-4	275	26 5	78	White, D.	DE	6-4	255	24 3
68	Greenwood, L. C.	DE	6-6	245	27 5	51	Winfrey, C.	LB	6-0	230	24 3
59	Ham, J.	LB	6-1	225	24 3	31	Young, A.	WR	6-1	195	24 3
67	Hanneman, C.	DE	6-3	240	24 2						

## Pittsburgh Schedule

September 16	.....DETROIT	.....4:00 p.m.
September 23	.....CLEVELAND	.....1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....at Houston	.....1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....SAN DIEGO	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....at Cincinnati	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....at Cincinnati	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....at New York Jets	.....1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....CINCINNATI	.....4:00 p.m.
November 5	.....WASHINGTON (Mon.)	.....9:00 p.m.
November 11	.....at Oakland	.....1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....DENVER	.....1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....at Cleveland	.....1:00 p.m.
December 3	.....at Miami (Mon.)	.....9:00 p.m.
December 9	.....HOUSTON	.....1:00 p.m.
December 15	.....at San Francisco (Sat.)	.....1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# Pittsburgh Key Players



**MEL BLOUNT, CB, 6-3, 205, 4th Yr., Age 25, Southern**  
All-AFC mention, showing tremendous improvement as full-time regular for first time. Had three interceptions in 1972 for 95 yards. Didn't allow single long TD pass in '72. Very tough against the run. Scored first pro TD with 35-yard fumble return vs. Dallas.

**TERRY BRADSHAW, QB, 6-3, 218, 4th Yr., Age 24, Louisiana Tech**  
Greatly improved in consistency and all-around play last season. Had significant increase in percentage of TD passes and decrease in percentage of interceptions. Completed 147 of 308 for 1,887 yards and 12 touchdowns. Had second 3-TD game of career vs. Cincinnati.



**JOHN FUQUA, RB, 5-11, 205, 5th Yr., Age 26, Morgan State**  
Had third straight 600-yard plus season rushing. Had 119 yards vs. Patriots for 6th career game over 100 yards. Career totals are 463 carries for 2,070 yards and 15 TD's. Also excellent receiver, holding club high for a back with 49 catches in 1971.

**ROY GERELA, Kicker, 5-10, 185, 5th Yr., Age 25, New Mexico State**  
Had best year of his career in '72. Set team records with 119 points and 28 field goals. Ranked first in FG's and second in scoring in AFC. Added seven points on 2-2 field goals and three PAT's in first Pro Bowl appearance. Kicked at least one FG in every '72 game.



**JOE GREENE, DT, 6-4, 275, 5th Yr., Age 28, No. Texas State**  
Played in 4th straight Pro Bowl. Generally acclaimed as NFL's top defensive lineman. Named NFL Defensive Player of Year by AP and Lineman of Year by UPI. Won NEA's Halas Trophy as NFL's MVP on defense. Top vote getter in Sporting News All-AFC team.

**L. C. GREENWOOD, DE, 6-6, 245, 5th Yr., Age 26, Arkansas AM & N**  
Third on team in QB sacks and had outstanding season in spite of knee and ankle injuries which hampered his mobility. Tied for NFL lead in opponent fumble recoveries with five in 1971. Had off-season knee surgery. Great quickness and speed.



**JACK HAM, LB, 6-1, 225, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Penn State**  
Had fantastic season in '72. Led all NFL linebackers in interception with 7. Returned total of 83 yards including 32-yarder for first pro TD vs. Patriots. Recovered two 4th quarter fumbles vs. Kansas City which led to winning scores. Football News 1st team All-AFC.

**FRANCO HARRIS, RB, 6-2, 230, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Penn State**  
Became 5th player in pro football history to gain 1,000 yards rushing as rookie. Ranked 4th in rushing and had highest rushing average in AFC. Led NFL with seven 100-yard games, six of them consecutively. Set Steeler record of 10 TD's rushing.





**RAY MANSFIELD, Center, 6-3, 260, 11th Yr., Age 32, Washington**  
Has been 10-year starter for Pittsburgh. Shares job with Jim Clark . . . Oldest member of the Steelers and has most continuous service. Extended consecutive regular league game streak to team record 140. Key man in success of Steeler running game in 1972.

**ANDY RUSSELL, LB, 6-2, 225, 9th Yr., Age 31, Missouri**  
Defensive captain since 1967. Also Steeler player representative. Played in 4th Pro Bowl after '72 season. Has never missed a game since making UPI all-rookie team in 1963. Has 13 career interceptions. Made AP, UPI and Sporting News All-AFC teams.



**RON SHANKLIN, WR, 6-1, 190, 4th Yr., Age 25, No. Texas State**  
Led Team in receiving in 1972 for third straight season. Ranked 14th in AFC in receptions. Has had five 100-yard games. Equalled single-game career high of six catches last season vs. Cincinnati. Had streak of a catch-per-game ended at 38 by knee injury.

**BRUCE VAN DYKE, Guard, 6-2, 255, 8th Yr., Age 28, Missouri**  
Sporting News all-AFC first team. Missed final regular season game with injuries but came back in playoffs. Had outstanding season and drew coach's raves for consistency. Named AP offensive player of the week for performance vs. Cincinnati.



**DWIGHT WHITE, DE, 6-4, 255, 3rd Yr., Age 23, East Texas State**  
Selected to UPI All-AFC 1st team. Started every game for second straight year despite painful knee injuries. Had 10 QB sacks to finish 2nd on team. Had outstanding game in first Pro Bowl last season. Very aggressive with unlimited potential.



### **Chuck Noll** *Head Coach*

Chuck Noll's coaching patience paid off with an 11-3 record last season, and the first title ever for a Steeler team. Steady strides have been made since Noll came to Pittsburgh in 1969. That first season saw a 1-13 mark, but it was followed by 5-9 in 1970 and 6-8 in 1971 setting the stage for last season's division title. As a player, joined Cleveland as one of Paul Brown's messenger guards. In seven seasons with Cleveland, Chuck was on five Eastern Conference winners and two NFL title teams. He retired as a player at age 27 and then caught on with Sid Gillman and the Los Angeles Chargers of the new AFL. Stayed there for six seasons until in 1966 when Noll joined Don Shula and the Baltimore Colts. In 1968 he accepted the Steeler position. Graduated from Dayton where he was team captain and all-star linebacker.

# Pittsburgh 1972 Club Leaders

<b>RUSHING</b>	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Harris .....	188	1055	5.6	75t	10
Fuqua .....	150	665	4.4	47	4
Bradshaw ...	58	346	6.0	20t	7
Pearson .....	67	264	3.9	21	0
S. Davis .....	20	85	4.3	28t	1

Rowser .....	4	30	7.5	23	0
Blount .....	3	75	25.0	34	0
Anderson .....	3	68	22.7	41	0

<b>PASSING</b>	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.
Bradshaw	308	147	47.7	1,887	12	12
Gilliam	11	7	63.6	48	0	0
Hanratty	4	2	50.0	23	0	0

<b>KICKOFF RET.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Davis, S. ....	7	207	29.6	82	0
Harris .....	8	183	22.9	32	0
Pearson .....	13	292	22.4	42	0
Bleier .....	2	40	20.0	20	0

<b>PASS REC.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Shanklin ....	38	669	17.6	57t	3
Lewis .....	27	391	14.5	52	5
McMakin ....	21	277	13.2	78t	1
Harris .....	21	180	8.6	29	1
Fugua .....	18	152	8.4	28	0
Pearson .....	11	79	7.2	15	0
Smith .....	10	98	9.8	25	0

<b>PUNT RET.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Lewis .....	5	56	11.2	26	0
Edwards .....	22	202	9.2	52	0

<b>PUNTING</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Walden .....	65	2846	43.8	72
Gerela .....	1	29	29.0	29

<b>INTER- CEPTIONS</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Ham .....	7	83	11.8	32t	1
Wagner .....	6	77	12.9	35	0

<b>SCORING</b>	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FGPTs
Gerela	0	0	0	36	41/119
Harris	10	1	11	0	0/66
Bradshaw	7	0	7	0	0/42
Lewis	0	5	5	0	0/30
Fuqua	4	0	4	0	0/24
Shanklin	0	3	3	0	0/18

# Pittsburgh All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

John Henry Johnson, 4,381 yards with 26 TDs (1959-'64)

## PASSING

Jim Finks, with 611 completions in 1,129 attempts for 8,954 yards and 48 TDs (1952-'57)

## PASS RECEIVING

Elbie Nickel, with 328 receptions for 5,121 yards and 37 TDs (1947-'56)

## INTERCEPTIONS

Jack Butler, with 52 (1950-'58)

## SCORING

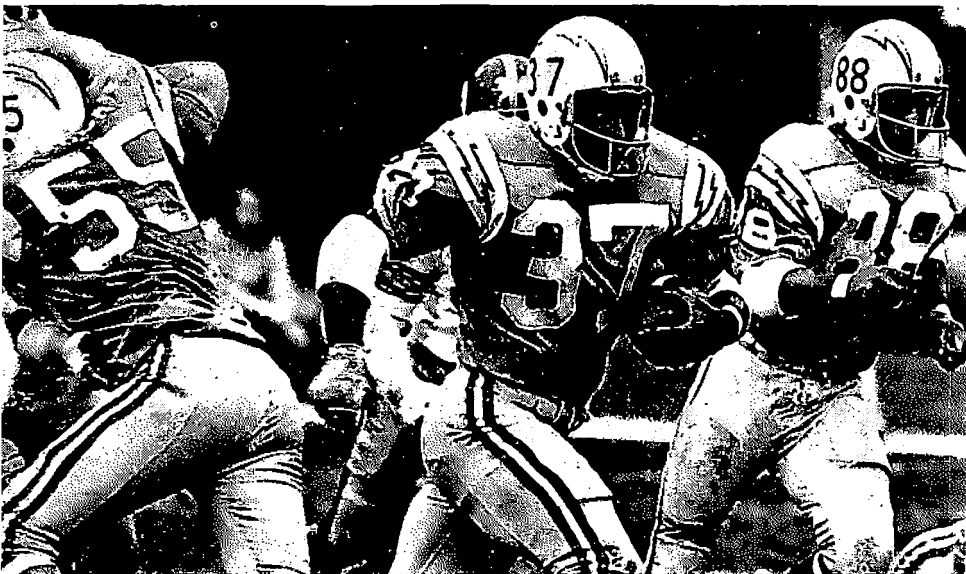
Lou Michaels, with 277 points (1960-'62)



*Quarterback Terry Bradshaw, the first collegian drafted in 1970, has matured into fine QB and leader of the offense.*



# SAN DIEGO CHARGERS



*Cid Edwards (37) moves out on the block of center Carl Mauck (55) and tight end Pettis Norman (88) leads the downfield blocking.*

■Peeping out from the bottom of the AFC West, the San Diego Chargers see sunshine on the horizon.

Coach Harland Svare envisions a "sharply improved team," while Chargers-watchers are intrigued by the addition of a "living legend," John Unitas. Coy Bacon and Viennese soccer player Gunter Enz.

San Diego had a dandy of a 4-9-1 team in 1972. Despite a No. 5 ranked AFC defense and a No. 6 offense, the Charges had the misfortune of tackling the toughest schedule in the NFL in a year of rebuilding. Finally, they were impaled on a banana peel with 48 turnovers.

Looking back, Svare accentuates the positive. "We made

some great strides last year. On defense, we accomplished our goal . . . we went from worst to respectable. On offense, we developed a strong running attack. We learned what it means to control the football.

Looking ahead, Svare sees the Chargers as a title contender this year. "There isn't that much separating us from Oakland, Kansas City and Denver. On defense we must advance from respectable to good. On offense, we must whip the turnover problem."

There's no doubt that acquiring Mr. Unitas is a giant stride in whipping a lot of problems, and the Chargers could overnight become a factor in the tight AFC West. ●

# San Diego Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Pro.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Pro.
87	Aldridge, L.	DE	6-3	254	32	11	41	Matte, T.	RB	6-0	214	34	13
60	Babich, B.	LB	6-2	231	26	4	55	Mauck, C.	C	6-4	243	26	5
79	Bacon C.	DE	6-4	270	30	6	10	McClard, B.	K	5-10	202	21	2
59	Barnes, P.	LB	6-1	239	28	7	88	Norman, P.	TE	6-3	222	33	12
40	Beauchamp, J.	S	6-0	188	29	8	26	Oliver, C.	CB	6-1	184	25	3
45	Berry, R.	S	6-0	190	24	2	76	Owens, T.	T	6-6	260	29	8
83	Carter, M.	WR	6-1	210	25	3	29	Partee, D.	K	6-1	229	27	6
13	Clark, W.	QB	6-3	203	26	3	66	Redman, R.	LB	6-1	220	30	8
64	Costa, D.	DT	6-1	250	31	11	53	Rogers, M.	LB	6-2	228	26	2
85	Dicus, C.	WR	6-0	183	24	3	82	Rossovich, T.	LB	6-4	240	27	6
34	Dragon, O.	RB	6-0	214	23	2	30	Salter, B.	S	6-4	195	23	3
39	Dunlap, L.	CB	6-1	195	23	3	57	Snowden, C.	DE	6-4	253	26	5
77	East, R.	DT	6-4	250	30	7	78	Sweeney, W.	G	6-4	258	32	11
37	Edwards, C.	RB	6-3	230	29	6	46	Sykes, J.	RB	5-11	195	24	2
44	Fletcher, C.	S	5-11	185	24	4	42	Taylor, J.	RB	6-0	200	25	2
20	Garrett, M.	RB	5-9	191	29	8	35	Thomas, B.	RB	5-10	201	25	3
27	Garrison, G.	WR	6-2	193	29	8	33	Thomas, D.	RB	6-1	205	26	3
69	Gordon, I.	T	6-3	275	26	4	73	Thomas, L.	DE	6-6	242	27	3
65	Gruneisen, S.	C	6-1	242	32	12	19	Unitas, J.	QB	6-1	196	40	18
80	Hardy, K.	DT	6-5	276	28	5	70	Washington, R.	T	6-6	289	26	6
24	Howard, B.	CB	6-2	174	28	7	54	Wenzel, R.	G	6-2	250	30	70
75	Jones, D.	DE	6-4	272	34	12	38	White, L.	RB	6-2	219	24	3
58	Jones, H.	G	6-5	255	28	2		White, R.	LB	6-2	219	24	3
23	Jones, R.	CB	5-11	187	25	4	63	Eikerson, D.	G	6-3	250	26	4
51	Lazetich, P.	LB	6-3	245	23	2	84	Williams, D.	WR	6-2	207	28	7
25	LeVias, J.	WR	5-9	177	27	5	68	Wojcik, G.	DT	6-6	268	27	3
89	Mackey, J.	TE	6-2	224	32	11	79	Wright, E.	T	6-4	257	33	14

## San Diego Schedule

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September 23	.....BUFFALO	.....1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....CINCINNATI	.....1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....at Pittsburgh	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....at Oakland	.....1:00 p.m.
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October 28	.....at Cleveland	.....1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....KANSAS CITY	.....1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....at Denver	.....2:00 p.m.
November 18	.....NEW ORLEANS	.....1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....OAKLAND	.....1:00 p.m.
December 2	.....at New England	.....1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....DENVER	.....1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....at Kansas City	.....1:00 p.m.

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# San Diego Key Players



**BAB BABICH, LB, 6-2, 231, 4th Yr., Age 26, Miami, Ohio.**  
Switched to strong side linebacker in 1972 after being a starter at middle linebacker for two seasons. Accounted for 50 tackles and two interceptions. Set club record of 194 tackles in 1971.

**JOE BEAUCHAMP, S, 6-0, 188, 8th Yr., Age 29, Iowa St.**  
Easily made switch from cornerback to free safety in 1972. Finished second on team with six interceptions raising his career total to 21. Had three interceptions in one game against Denver.



**DAVE COSTA, DT, 6-1, 250, 11th Yr., Age 31, Utah.**  
Traded to Chargers from Denver in 1972. Total of 70 tackles, 27 unassisted, was third best on team. Second in quarterback sacks with seven. Very strong inside.

**CID EDWARDS, RB, 6-3, 230, 6th Yr., Age 29, Tennessee St.**  
Elected "MVP" by teammates in 1972. Second on team in rushing with 679 yards for a 4.3 average and five TDs. Also second leading receiver with 40 receptions for a 13.9 average and two touchdowns.



**MIKE GARRETT, RB, 5-9, 191, 8th Yr., Age 29, So. California.**  
Posted his second 1,000 yards (1,031) season in 1972. With four 100-yard plus games, he raised his career total to 11. Garrett also joined elite club of rushers with 5,000 or more career yards (5,014). Also caught 31 passes for 245 yards.

**GARY GARRISON, WR, 6-2, 193, 8th Yr., Age 29, Cal State-S. Diego.**  
Named to AFC All-Star team for third year in row. Had his seventh successive season of 40 or more pass receptions—52 for 744 yards and seven touchdowns. His best game was against Denver, 10 for 156 yards and one TD.



**DEACON JONES, DE, 6-4, 272, 13th Yr., Age 34, So. Carolina St.**  
Traded to Chargers from Los Angeles in 1972. Named to AFC All-Star team after leading San Diego defensive line in tackles with 72. He sacked the quarterback five times.

**TERRY OWENS, T, 6-6, 260, 8th Yr., Age 29, Jacksonville St.**  
Starter at left tackle since 1967. Had his best season in 1972. "Our most consistent blocker, he does a tremendous job," says line coach Forrest Gregg.





**RICK REDMAN, LB, 6-1, 220, 9th Yr., Age 30, Washington.**  
 Player-coach of linebackers in 1972. Led club in tackles with 66 from weak side position. Intercepted one pass and recovered one fumble. Former middle linebacker.



**TIM ROSSOVICH, LB, 6-4, 195, 6th Yr., Age 27, So. California.**  
 Missed most of 1972 season because of knee surgery. Starter at middle linebacker for last six games with 39 tackles, 18 unassisted. Traded from Philadelphia to San Diego for No. 1 draft choice last year.



**BRYANT SALTER, S, 6-4, 195, 3rd Yr., Age 23, Pittsburgh.**  
 Lanky strong safety has led the Chargers in pass interceptions since joining club in 1971. Had six thefts in 1971 and seven last year. "Will get better," says his coach Willie Wood.



**WALT SWEENEY, G, 6-4, 256, 11th Yr., Age 32, Syracuse.**  
 Has played in eight consecutive All-Star Games. Never missed a game in 10 seasons. Honored as "Blocker of Year" in 1971 by 1,000-Yard Club of Wisconsin.



**RUSS WASHINGTON, T, 6-6, 289, 6th Yr., Age 26, Missouri.**  
 Outstanding performer at right tackle. Played defensive tackle in 1968 and 1969. "I just marvel that a guy can be that big and move so quickly; he is a great athlete," says line coach Forrest Gregg.



### **Harland Sware Head Coach**

Joined Charger organization in 1971 as general manager. Was named interim head coach the last four games of that season after Sid Gillman's resignation, and became full-time head coach after '71 campaign. Faced with one of the toughest schedules in the NFL, the Chargers were able to compile a 4-9-1 mark under Sware in 1972. Drafted No. 17 by Rams in 1953 and traded to Giants in 1955. Was linebacker on Giants' NFL title team in 1956, Eastern Division champions in 1958 and 1959. Was defensive assistant with Giants in 1960, and in 1962 rejoined the Rams as an assistant coach, but after eight games, Sware became head coach when Bob Waterfield resigned. Had 14-31-3 mark at L. A. Spent 1966 as stockbroker and then joined Giants again as assistant, but in 1969 went with Vince Lombardi to Washington as an aide. He was named G. M. of Chargers in Feb. of 1971. Played offensive and defensive end at Washington State before being drafted in 1953 by Rams.

# San Diego 1972 Club Leaders

## RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Garrett .....	272	1031	3.8	411	6
Edwards ....	157	679	4.3	311	5
Hadl .....	22	99	4.5	17	1
White .....	23	75	3.3	12	0
Taylor .....	13	58	4.5	17	0
Dragon .....	9	30	3.3	7	0

Dunlap .....	5	67	25	0
Babich .....	2	9	9	0

## KICKOFF RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Taylor .....	31	676	21.8	41	0
Dunlap .....	12	271	22.6	35	0
Berry .....	7	138	19.7	26	0
Detwiler .....	4	94	23.5	26	0

## PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.
Hadl	370	190	51.4	2449	15	26
Clark	6	2	33.3	67	0	2

## PUNT RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Dunlap .....	19	179	9.4	21	0
Garrett .....	2	10	5.0	10	0

## PASS REC.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Garrison ....	52	744	14.3	521	7
Edwards ....	40	557	13.9	61	2
Garrett .....	31	245	7.9	271	1
Norman .....	19	262	13.8	30	0
Dicus .....	18	227	12.6	461	2
Williams .....	14	315	22.5	62	3
Mackey .....	11	110	10.0	21	0

## PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Partee .....	45	1813	40.3	65

## INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Long	TDs
Salter .....	7	111	31	0
Beauchamp ...	6	96	471	1

## SCORING

	TDs	TDs	PAT.	FGs	Pts.
Partee	0	0	0	26	15
Garrett	6	1	7	0	0
Edwards	5	2	7	0	0
Garrison	0	7	7	0	0
Williams	0	3	3	0	0
Dicus	0	2	2	0	0
McClard	0	0	0	2	3

# San Diego All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Paul Lowe, with 4,962 yards in 1,013 attempts, 46 TDs	(1960-'67)
Keith Lincoln, with 2,698 yards in 573 attempts	(1961-'66)

## PASSING

John Hadl, with 26,938 yards in 3,461 attempts and 202 TDs	(1962-'72)
Jack Kemp, with 5,996 yards in 815 attempts and 37 TDs	(1960-'62)

## PASS RECEIVING

Lance Alworth, with 493 receptions for 9,585 yards, 81 TDs	(1962-'70)
Gary Garrison with 320 receptions for 5,960 yards, 48 TDs	(1966-'72)

## INTERCEPTIONS

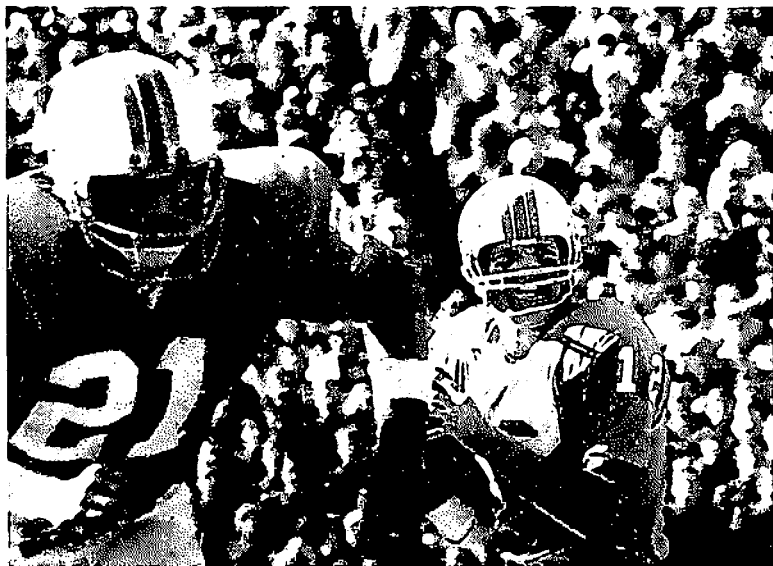
Dick Harris, with 29	(1960-'65)
Kenny Graham, with 25	(1964-'68)

## SCORING

Lance Alworth, with 500 points	(1962-'70)
Gary Garrison, with 288 points	(1966-'72)



*Free safety Joe Beauchamp (40) evades a blocker before making a tackle.*



*Dolphin quarterback Bob Griese was sidelined most of '72, but came back strong in Super Bowl. Jim Klick (21) is his blocker.*

## '72 IN REVIEW

■ It was another record-breaking year in the National Football League in 1972. Aren't they all, one way or another? Attendance went up again, but then it goes up every year. The product is a superb one, and for 1972, the big record-breaking belonged to the Miami Dolphins who merely went through their entire schedule without a loss, 14-0 regular season, and a sweep to the Super Bowl.

There was a continuation of power in the various divisions of the league and there was an emergence of two relatively young teams getting into the

playoffs and showing signs that they may be back again for more seasons to come. As expected, the Dolphins and Oakland Raiders made it to the AFC playoffs. Not quite expected were the other two AFC playoff teams—the Cleveland Browns and Pittsburgh Steelers. The Browns had stumbled through an 0-6 pre-season, then rolled through for a 10-4 regular season finish. The young Steelers, who had been 6-8 in 1971, put it all together and stormed to an 11-3 production and may have the makings of a team which will be much heard from for the next

several semesters.

In the NFC, Dallas is a perennial, and so the Cowboys made it to the playoffs. In the West, the 49ers won it again, as they have for each year of the existence of the new divisional setup. And George Allen's Senior Citizens Village, alias the Washington Redskins, were still singing "The Future Is Now" and made it in easily, while out in Green Bay, where things were legendary in the Lombardi era but skimpy ever since, the Pack Got Back. Rebounding from a 4-8-2 mish-mash in 1971, a young, tough Packer team won it in the Central and, like the Steelers, seem to have the personnel that will be heard from for years to come.

It was also a smashing year for the running backs. Perhaps moving the hashmarks had something to do with it ... but people still must run over other people, and in 1972, there was special emphasis on advancing via the overland routes. No less than 10 runners hit the 1,000-yard or more rushing plateau, and an 11th had his 1,000, only to lose it on a final carry which resulted in a loss!!

At any rate, here's how the 1972 season progressed, week-by-week:

**WEEK ONE**—First of all, 757,544 fans turn out for opening day, and this is a record. Nice way to start a season. Miami and Kansas City collided in Arrowhead, the Chiefs' magnificent new stadium, and the hosts are looking to get hunk for the previous year's sudden-death playoff loss. It is not forthcom-

ing. Miami wins 20-10 and does not lose again. Elsewhere, the Packers open against the Cleveland Browns, and one of the big troubles with the Pack in recent years had been the paucity of points through field goals. Now a rookie named Chester Marcol does his number four times and Green Bay has a 26-10 triumph. Johnny Unitas completes 22 passes for the Colts, but they lose 10-3 to St. Louis, the Steelers numb Oakland 34-28 and before the year is out, they'll have another stomach-bubbling encounter ... and Allen's Antiques make good use of their special teams to whip the Vikings 24-21, and Minnesota was the team that pre-season experts figured as No. 1, with the return of Frank Tarkenton.

**WEEK TWO**—Who says you can't throw deep against a zone defense? The Jets and Colts hook up in Baltimore and Broadway Joe Namath debunks the theory with gusto. Joe Willie completes only 15 passes in the contest, but they go for 496 yards and six touchdowns against the Colt zone! Would that blow your mind? The Jets win the thing 44-34 and on the other side, Johnny Unitas is also pumping away through the ozone for 376 yards and the combined aerial circus results in an NFL record of 872 yards passing in one game. Elsewhere, the overland express proves to be the right route. O.J. Simpson rolls for 138 yards as the lowly Bills bash the 49ers 27-20 in an upset, and the Redskins roll on the winged feet of Larry Brown's

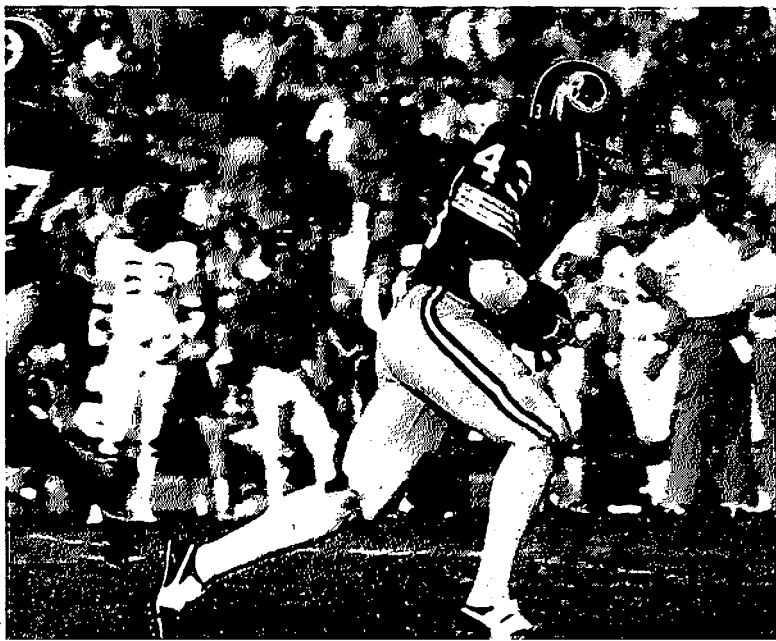


148 yards to a 24-10 romper over the Cardinals. Oakland's Jack Tatum takes George Halas out of the record books by scooping up a Packer fumble and returning it 104 yards for a touchdown to beat the Pack 20-14, and that return surpasses the old record of 98 set by Mr. Halas 49 years before. In New York, veteran Norm Snead comes off the bench in relief of an injured Randy Johnson and bombards the Cowboys for 19 completions and 248 yards, but Dallas squeaks out a 23-14 win. And when Bill Bell of Atlanta misses a field goal from just 12 yards out, the Patriots have a 21-20 upset triumph.

**WEEK THREE** There were six undefeated teams after two weeks of play. Now there remains only one ... just one, and after only three weeks of

action! Defending Super Bowl champion Dallas, on a 12-game win streak, gets kicked in the slats by Green Bay's new thumper, Chester Marcol, 16-13, and the Redskins get themselves fit to be tied, only to lose 24-23 to the Patriots. Washington kicks a field goal with 1:42 left to play to get a 24-24 tie, but the Patriots rough the kicker. Allen takes the penalty, negating the FG and goes for the TD instead. Three plays fail, then Curt Knight tries for the FG again, six yards closer, and misses!! Now its back to 24-21 New England, and a subsequent blocked punt and safety for the 'Skins still isn't enough. The Bengals lose to the Browns, the Jets lose their first one, to lowly Houston, and the Rams are rocked by Atlanta, leaving only Miami unblemished. Ron Johnson scores a club record four TDs, Norm Snead passes the

*Redskins' premier running back Larry Brown was key gun in team attack.*



25,000-yard passing mark and the Giants club the Eagles 27-12 for their first win of the year.

**WEEK FOUR**—The San Diego Chargers made something like 21 trades in between seasons and obtained a lot of veteran players like Deacon Jones, John Mackey, Lionel Aldridge, et. al., with the hope of moving up in the standings. Now, they're 2-1-1 after a month of action after hanging in and rallying for a 23-20 win over the Colts after trailing 20-10. That veteran defense plays tough through the final quarter and Mike Garrett zips and zooms for 132 yards and two TDs during the game and so the Chargers are just one game behind Kansas City in the AFC West. Around the rest of the circuit, Green Bay keeps it going with a 20-17 win over the Bears, the Cowboys dump the Steelers 17-13 in a tough one and stay tied with the Redskins, who whip the Eagles 14-0. The Bengals lead the AFC Central after a 21-10 win over Denver, and the Rams take the front in the NFC West by bashing the 49ers 31-7. And the Vikings, who were a strong favorite? They get dumped by the Cardinals 19-17 as ex-Vike Garry Cuozzo throws two TD passes and now the Purple People are 1-3 and two games behind the division leaders. Sonny Jugensen finally gets a start for the Redskins and after a tough first half completes 7-for-7 in the second half in that victory.

**WEEK FIVE**—You know, it is

beginning to look like those young Packers are for real. In a head-to-head battle with Detroit, the Pack wins it 24-23 after trailing 17-0 and moves ahead of the Lions with a 4-1 mark after five weeks. Baltimore continues to have its ups and downs, drops a 21-0 stunner to the Cowboys and, after winning a Super Bowl two years before, Colt coach Don McCafferty is fired. The Redskins keep pace with the Cowboys by whacking the Cardinals around 33-3 and the Rams whip Philly 34-3 to stay atop the NFC west. The 49ers fall back because into rainy Candlestick Park come the resurging Giants who take it to the 49ers all the way and win 23-17 in the final four minutes for New York's third straight win. John Brodie is injured and will not return until the final game of the year. The runners keep running. The Jets' John Riggins and Emerson Boozer rush for 168 and 150 yards, respectively, against the Patriots and rookies Franco Harris of the Steelers gets going with a 115-yard afternoon in a 24-7 romp over the Oilers. Then there's a quarterback named Bob Douglass of the Bears who seemingly would rather run than throw. He rushes for 117 yards in 11 carries and the Bears baffle the Browns 17-0 with this kind of logic.

**WEEK SIX**—Things have generally been running to form, so its time for an upset or two. And so they come. The lowly Philadelphia Eagles, 0-5 and floundering, visit Kansas City to take on the sinewy Chiefs and before

K.C. knows what's happening, Pat Liske is throwing TD passes all over Arrowhead Stadium and Harold Jackson is making more moves than Joey Heatherton. The Eagles lead 21-0, and hold on for dear life thereafter for a 21-20 triumph. Meanwhile, Denver hadn't defeated the Oakland Raiders since 1962 and decided that was long enough for that kind of adversity. With Charley Johnson throwing 20 completions for 361 yards, the Broncos belt the Raiders 30-23. The Redskins and Dallas with 4-1 marks, collide head-on and the 'Skins rally from a 20-7 deficit to dump Dallas 24-20. The Giants take the Cardinals 27-21 for four straight and tie Dallas at 4-2 behind the 'Skins in the NFC East. Miami gets a scare, but rolls on 24-23 past Buffalo, the Bears upset the Vikings 13-10 and all of the division races are closer than this, except for that division Miami is playing in.

**WEEK SEVEN**—Cincinnati and Pittsburgh keep their pot-boiler going in the AFC Central and stay tied with 5-2 records after the Bengals bang Houston 30-7 as Doug Dressler rushes for 110 yards, and the Steelers sack Buffalo 38-21. Detroit and Green Bay both get flattened, the former by Dallas 28-24 and the latter by Minnesota 27-13, but they remain tied with 4-3 marks. The Redskins are tied 9-9 with the Giants in the final period, but Chris Hanburger steals the ball from Ron Johnson to set up a go-ahead TD and Allen's guys win 23-16 and roll onward. The Raiders, meanwhile, bounce



*Mean Joe Greene led tough  
Steeler defense in '72.*

back from their upset loss to Denver and turn their malice against the Los Angeles Rams. Interceptions, fumble recoveries and tenacity have the Raiders on top 35-0 in the second period! The final is 45-17 and they hold onto their slim lead in the AFC West. With the Rams getting lumped, the 49ers decide its time to get going and turn on the Falcons. Steve Spurrier, in for the sidelined Brodie, throws three TD passes and San Fran blasts out a 49-14 triumph. Who said the 49ers were dead without Brodie?

**WEEK EIGHT**—Nice going, 49ers. Just when we start building you up, you run into those upstart Packers. John Brockington runs for 133 yards, scores three TDs and the Pack packs in the 49ers 34-24. Detroit wins over Chicago 14-0 to stay abreast (5-3) of the Packers, while Pittsburgh and Cincinnati collide in a battle for first in the AFC Central. No contest, folks.

The Steelers power to a 26-0 halftime lead and win going away, 40-17 for a 6-2 mark. Terry Bradshaw's three TD passes and another 100-yard rushing day for Franco Harris do the job. Oakland and Kansas City also bat heads for the first time in the season and the Chiefs sock it to Madden's Men 27-14 with Ed Podolak running for 115 yards. The win gives the Chiefs a half-game lead over the Raiders. Washington and Dallas both triumph to keep that race a close one, and the Giants level Denver 29-17 to stay close to the Cowboys and Redskins. Miami continues to draw further away with a 30-16 romp over Buffalo.

**WEEK NINE**—Cleveland continues to move onward and stays within a game of the Steelers in the AFC Central race. The Browns rally to whip the Chargers 21-17 in the final 90 seconds on a Mike Phipps TD toss, while the Steelers' defense strangles Kansas City 16-7. Green Bay moves to the front in its division with a 23-17 conquest of the Bears, but now looks over the shoulder at the Vikings who are coming on. The Purple Guys get 124 yards rushing from Oscar Reed and knock over the Lions 16-14 and with that, the Vikes go to 5-4 and tie Detroit for second just behind the Packers. Washington and Dallas continue onward in the victory column, the 'Skins clipping the Giants 27-13 in the final 3:00, while the Cowboys rattle the Cardinals 33-24 as Ron Sellers catches seven passes from

Craig Morton for 111 yards. And down in the Astrodome, Tom Dempsey is at it again. The Eagles' place-kicker thumps six field goals and the Eagles get themselves an 18-17 triumph.

**WEEK TEN**—Here we go into the homestretch, and the Dolphins clinch the AFC East, whipping the Jets 28-24 for a 10-0 reading. Earl Morrall, who has been at the helm ever since Bob Griese was injured earlier in the year, runs 31 yards for one TD ... quite a feat for such old feet. Cleveland stuns Pittsburgh 26-24 to throw that race into a dead-heat and there also turns up a dead-heat for the lead in the NFC West as the 49ers clout the Bears 34-21, with Steve Spurrier throwing for five TDs, and the Rams are stunned as the Vikings whip them 45-41 in a wild one as Fran Tarkenton fires for 319 yards and keeps the Vikings a game behind the Packers who trim Houston 23-10. Washington and Dallas continue onward and Oakland wins over Denver to move out on the Chiefs who are dumped by San Diego.

**WEEK ELEVEN**—The 49ers win a big one for themselves, going into Texas and clouting the Cowboys 31-10 as Steve Spurrier continues to do the job. Linebacker Skip Vanderbundt scores two Tds ... 73 yards with a fumble and a 21-yard interception, and San Fran takes the lead in the division as the lowly Saints upset the Rams 19-16 with Archie Manning throwing for 202 yards. Detroit catches Green Bay at 7-4 by beating the Jets 37-20

as the Pack swoons before Washington 21-16. The Raiders do their number on Kansas City 26-3 to just about lock up the AFC West and the Steelers and Browns both win to stay tied (8-3) in their race. Meanwhile, the Giants score a club record 62 points in scorching the Eagles 62-10 and are at 7-4 and still alive for a wild card spot.

**WEEK TWELVE**—The Redskins and the Raiders join the Dolphins in the playoffs by clinching their division titles. Washington does it by clouting the Eagles 23-7 and guarantees a home site for the start of the playoffs, while the Raiders have a tough time with the Chargers, but finally prevail 21-19 to go 8-3-1 and do a clinch job of their own. The rest of the races stay sizzling, but a key battle in the AFC Central sees the Steelers break out of their deadlock with Cleveland by blasting the Browns 30-0 with offense and defense for a one-game lead. Green Bay does a similar rip job on the Lions 33-8. In the NFC West, it is going to be a firehouse finish. Atlanta suddenly becomes the leader at 7-5 when the Falcons whip the Oilers 20-10 as the Rams turn on the 49ers 26-16 behind sore-armed Roman Gabriel's two TD connections.

**WEEK THIRTEEN**—Four more teams join the playoffs and the road to the Super Bowl. Cleveland has a stomach-churner with the Bengals, but wins it 27-24 . . . and that gets them a wild card spot since the Steelers are also getting into the playoffs as the

division champ by whipping Houston 9-3. Also into the sweepstakes go the vibrant young Packers who use 114 yards rushing by John Brockington and tough defense to clout the Vikings 23-7. San Francisco blanks Atlanta 20-0 to regain the top in that wild and wooly race, and they would have to wait another week for the final playoff team. San Fran was 7-5-1, Atlanta 7-6, the Rams 6-6-1.

**WEEK FOURTEEN**—A slam bang finish to a slam bang year. Old John Brodie, sidelined since the fifth week, enters the 49er-Viking game with San-Fran trailing 17-6 in the final period. He hits Gene Washington for the first TD to close it to 17-13, then with 90 seconds left to play, drives the 49ers 66 yards for the winning TD on a 2-yard pitch to Dick Witcher for a tingling 20-17 win and the division title with an 8-5-1 mark. The Rams lose 34-17 to Detroit, while Atlanta gets sacked by Kansas City 17-14 to eliminate those guys. Miami finishes 14-0 by blanking the Colts 16-0, the Bengals score 61 points against the Oilers, and down in Dallas the young Giants show how far along they have come by slugging the Cowboys 23-3 to finish 8-6. But how about poor Dave Hampton of the Falcons? He went past the 1,000-yard mark rushing . . . the game was stopped . . . they presented him the ball . . . but instead of taking him out, the Falcons left him in and on his final carry he was dumped for a six-yard loss, finishing the year with 995 yards. Too much . . . just too much. ●



*Skins' coach George Allen gives squad pre-game pep talk . . . to no avail.*

## THE LONG ROAD TO SUPER BOWL VII

■The roads to Super Bowl VII at the cavernous Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles were strangely different for the Miami Dolphins and Washington Redskins this past year. Different in the sense that the Dolphins, who had slammed their way to an undefeated 14-0 season in regular play, had to survive two battles to win the AFC championship, while the ancient marauders of George Allen, who

had had some cliff-hangers in regular-season action, simply mauled the playoff opposition for the NFC gonfalon.

In the initial confrontation, Don Shula's wondrous young club matched up against the Cleveland Browns, the wild card entry in the AFC sweepstakes . . . at home in Miami . . . and figured to wham the whey out of the Brownies. The Redskins were also at home, in front of their





suddenly wildly enthusiastic home fans, but against a tough Green Bay Packer club which had won the equally tough NFC Central title.

The results were somewhat startling, if not predictable. The Dolphins got by Cleveland 20-14, but trailed 14-13 in the final quarter and had their hands full with the Browns from start to finish. In Washington, Allen's five-men front defensive unit emasculated Green Bay's running game and the Redskins romped to a 16-3 breeze.

The Dolphins had taken a 10-0 lead at halftime over the Browns, but the scores were tough to get against a surprisingly sinewy Cleveland defense. Rookie Charlie Babb blocked a Cleveland punt in the first period and ran the recovery in for a five-yard touchdown, and Garo Yepremian booted a 40-yard field goal for the early lead. But the Browns' defense remained tough and Cleveland cut the lead to 10-7 in the third period when Mike Phipps bootlegged five yards for a TD. Yepremian got it up to 13-7 with a 46-year FG at the start of the final period, but the Browns barged back and Phipps hit a wide-open Fair Hooker on a 27-yard TD connection for a 14-13 Cleveland lead.

Miami struggled back and Paul Warfield made two key catches of 35 and 15 yards on an 80-yard march that culminated with Jim Kiick's eight-yard slant for the winning touchdown. The

*Dolphins' brilliant quarterback Bob Griese led team to 17th straight win in Super Bowl VII*



victory was Miami's, but it had been much harder to obtain than most people had envisioned.

The Redskins trailed 3-0 in the second period via a Chester Marcol 17-yarder for the Pack, but after that the Redskins defense smothered Green Bay and won going away. Billy Kilmer hit Roy Jefferson for a 32-yard TD and Curt Knight kicked a 42-yard FG for a 10-3 halftime lead, and Knight added field goals from 35 and 46 yards in the final quarter to wrap it up for the Washingtonians who had limited 1,000-yard rusher John Brockington to just nine yards in 13 attempts!

Meanwhile in Pittsburgh and in San Francisco wild and wooly things were happening. On an unusually warm day in Pittsburgh the young Steelers trailed the Oakland Raiders 7-6 and were down to their last play with less than 10 seconds to play. And in San Francisco, the 49ers were boffing the Cowboys 28-13 going into the final period.

Voila! The Steelers' Terry Bradshaw scrambles around on that last play, finally heaves desperately downfield where the football ricochets off the shoulder pads of Oakland's Jack Tatum and Steeler rookie Franco Harris fields the rebound off his shoetops and runs 42 yards for the winning TD with five seconds left to play! And 2,000 miles away, Roger Staubach comes off the Cowboy bench to put the whammy on the 49ers, leading Dallas to a 17-point final period rally and a 30-28 victory which comes with 52 seconds left to

play on a 10-yard Roger missile to Ron Sellers!

In all probability, there has never been an equal to the excitement of those two playoff games on the same day on national television. Oakland appeared to have made a dramatic comeback after trailing 6-0 to the tough defensive-minded Steelers when reserve quarterback Ken Stabler replaced Daryle Lamonica and ran 30 yards on a keeper with 1:13 to play for a 7-6 Oakland lead. Art Rooney, the esteemed owner of the Steelers left the pressbox at this point to take the elevator down to the dressing room to console his obviously fallen warriors when Bradshaw and Harris teamed up, with an assist from Tatum's shoulder gear, and all Mr. Rooney could hear was the tumult cascading down from the stands as he descended in the elevator.

The 49ers had taken advantage of five Cowboy turnovers for that 28-13 lead, Vic Washington's 97-yard TD on the opening kickoff got the Bay Area buffs pulsating and Larry Schreiber scored three TDs on short-range bursts for the 28-13 advantage. Enter Staubach to lead the final charge . . . first a drive to set up a Toni Fritsch FG, then a 20-yard connection to Billy Parks, and then after the Cowboys recovered an onside kick bobbled by San Fran's Preston Riley, Roger the Dodger drove it home with his clutch pass to Sellers on a 49er linebacking blitz.

And now the Dolphins got the young Steelers for the AFC showdown, and the Redskins

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CSONKA'S RUSHING  
11 FOR 101 YARDS

*Another instance when one picture is worth a thousand words.*

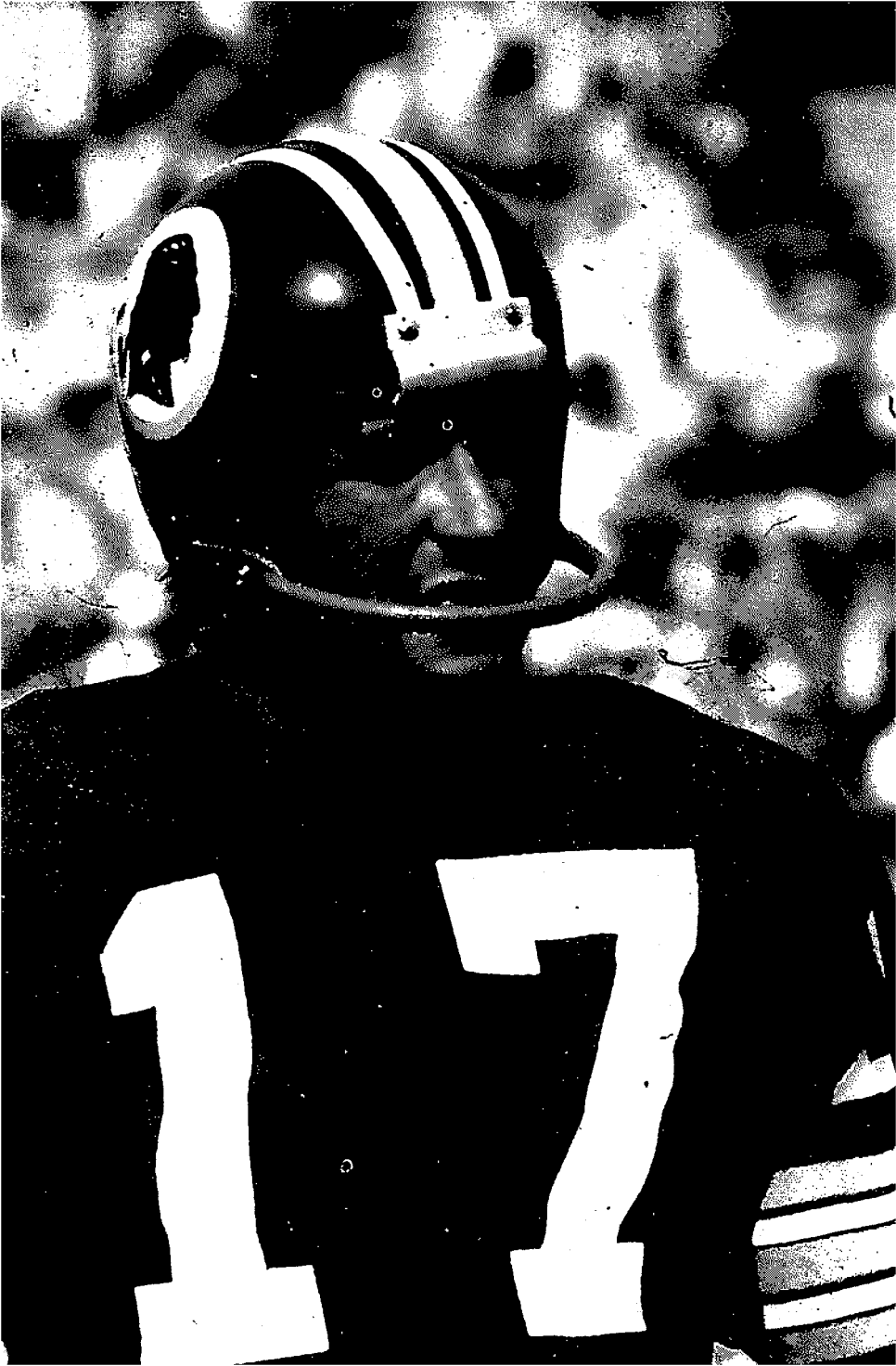
faced the Cowboys for a third time to determine the NFC entry in the big one. Though it is December 31 in the Northeast, the temperatures are unbelievable . . . 63 degrees in Pittsburgh and the same in Washington.

Pittsburgh got off smartly when Glen Edwards intercepted Earl Morrall and Bradshaw marched the Steelers to a TD. He tried to run it in himself, was knocked down and fumbled into the end zone, where lineman Gerry Mullins recovered for a 7-0 lead. But Bradshaw was hurt on the play and had to leave the game one series thereafter with Terry Hanratty replacing him. The Steeler special teams fell asleep on a punting situation for Miami, and the Dolphins punter faked and instead ran 37 yards for a key first down that led to a knotting Miami touchdown. Pittsburgh regained the lead at 10-7 on a Roy Gerela field goal but Bob Griese, sidelined most of the season with a broken ankle, replaced Morrall in the

second half and directed TD drives of 80 and 49 yards to break the Dolphins out and away to a 21-10 lead. Bradshaw returned with 7:00 to play and promptly began firing away to take the Steelers 71 yards in four plays for another TD and just a 21-17 deficit, but the big blond was intercepted twice in the final minutes to kill off the Steeler dream.

It had again been a close one for the Dolphins, but in Washington the Redskins completely dominated the Cowboys 26-3. They rolled up 311 yards of offense, held Dallas to a skimpy 169 and had the ball 62 plays to 45 for the Cowboys. Dallas never got beyond midfield in the second half and Staubach was completely smothered.

Meanwhile, Billy Kilmer and Charley Taylor were having an aerial circus act perking. William hit Charles seven times for 146 yards and two touchdowns and Knight continued his hot streak of field goals by whomping



four-of-four from 18, 36, 46 and 45 yards.

It seemed like the Redskins were going to be the inevitable roadblock for the Dolphins as the two contingents headed to the West Coast for the January 14th showdown.

Jimmy the Greek liked the Redskins, figuring savvy, experience, and that good old intangible, momentum.

It certainly did not turn out that way. The final score of Super Bowl VII was 14-7 in favor of Miami, but the score was misleading since the Dolphins dominated throughout.

Why should that be? Didn't the Dolphins encounter more difficulty getting through the playoffs than the Redskins? Hadn't Allen convinced his hoary legion of warriors that the "future was now"?

Perhaps some other factors should be considered. Miami was a younger team... a team acclimated to playing key games in Miami weather situations and on Sunday, January 12 in Los Angeles, the temperature was at 85 degrees and climbing... the weather was clear and there was a definite humidity.

Allen had complained about distractions during the week leading up to the Super Bowl, had said that the Dolphins were a better team than the Green Bay Packers' dynasty group of the 1960s... and may well have performed an overkill with his pre-game psyche operation.

After the customary pre-game festivities which included

6,000 assembled bands, 8,000 doves, a flyover by the entire U.S. Air Force, et, al., the two clubs traded initials series with caution. The Dolphins' tough defensive tackle Manny Fernandez asserted himself at the outset, pulverizing the Redskins right side of the offensive line. Tough play by Fernandez forced a Redskin punt late in the first quarter, and the Dolphins then mounted a drive from their own 37-yard line, with Bob Griese at the helm from the start, and stomped those 63 yards in just six plays were an 18-yard Griese to Warfield pass to the Washington 34, and then on the third-and-four from the 28, Griese picked up Redskins double coverage on Warfield, then sent Howard Twilley on a down-and-out against the Redskins' Pat Fishcher on man-to man and Twilley beat Fischer for the 28-yard scoring reception that got the Dolphins on the scoreboard.

Washington made an abortive comeback, but Fernandez put pressure on Kilmer again and the Redskin quarterback hurriedly threw a pass intended for Charley Taylor which was intercepted by the ever-present Miami safetyman Jake Scott.

Miami then moved again, relentless, and Griese suddenly hit Warfield wide open from the Redskins 47-yard line for an apparent touchdown, only to have it called back when Marlin Briscoe lined up offsides. That might have taken the steam out of some club, but not the Dol-

*Redskin quarterback Billy Kilmer gave it his all... and walked off the field a loser.*

phins. They lost that apparent score, but hung tough defensively throughout the second period, and with 2:00 to play, linebacker Nick Buoniconti intercepted Kilmer at the Washington 41 and hustled it back 14 yards to the 27. On third down, Griese fired 19 yards to reserve tight end Jim Mandich who made a diving catch at the Redskins' 2-yard line. Jim Kiick then attacked twice from there, and sliced in from the one on the second try with 21 seconds left in the half for a 14-0 halftime lead.

It just as well could have been 21-0. Maybe even 28-0.

The Redskins moved fairly well in the third period, but Knight blew a 32-yard field goal attempt wide to the right. Then the Dolphins drove again, the biggie being a 49-yard blast up the middle by Larry Csonka to the Redskins' 16-yard line. Mercury Morris and Kiick got it to the five, but Griese then underthrew a wide open Marv Fleming in the end zone and Brig Owens intercepted. Still 14-0 Miami ... and maybe it could have been 28-0, or 35-0.

In the final quarter, halfway through, Washington again mounted a drive, picking up yardage in bits and pieces, but from the Miami 10, Kilmer's pass intended for Taylor was picked off by Scott (the game's MVP, who zoomed 55 yards upfield with it to the Redskins' 48.

That should have been the end of it ... the finale of what in reality had been an out-and-out

rout folks.

But with just a bit over two minutes left on the clock, the Dolphins went for icing on the cake. Yepremian attempted a 42-yard field goal, but it was partially blocked by the on-charging 'Skins. Here, Yepremian suddenly became paralytic. First he picked the ball up (which he should not have done) ... then he tried to throw a pass (which he should not have done) ... and then he fumbled that attempted pass right into the hands of Redskin Mike Bass who gratefully accepted the gift and ran unmolested for 49 yards and a touchdown and the score was suddenly 14-7, and hardly indicative of what had transpired.

The Dolphins turned the ball  
ative of what had transpired.

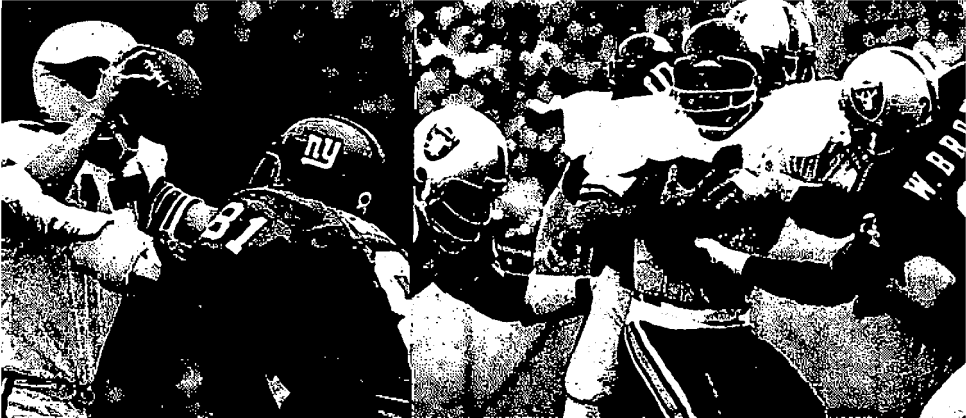
The Dolphins turned the ball over one more time via a punt to Washington with 1:14 to play, but Kilmer's final gasp passing attempts from his own 30 were well for naught and the Dolphins finished the year at 17-0, and picked up the big money.

Years from now, historians will note the 14-7 finale and figure that Super Bowl VII was a ding-dong battle.

It wasn't.

There was more excitement, more action in the in the playoffs leading up to the big game.

Is this the start of a Miami dynasty? That's what was said the year before when the Cowboys all but slaughtered Miami in Super Bowl VI. Stay tuned in ... Super Bowls usually have surprising finishes.



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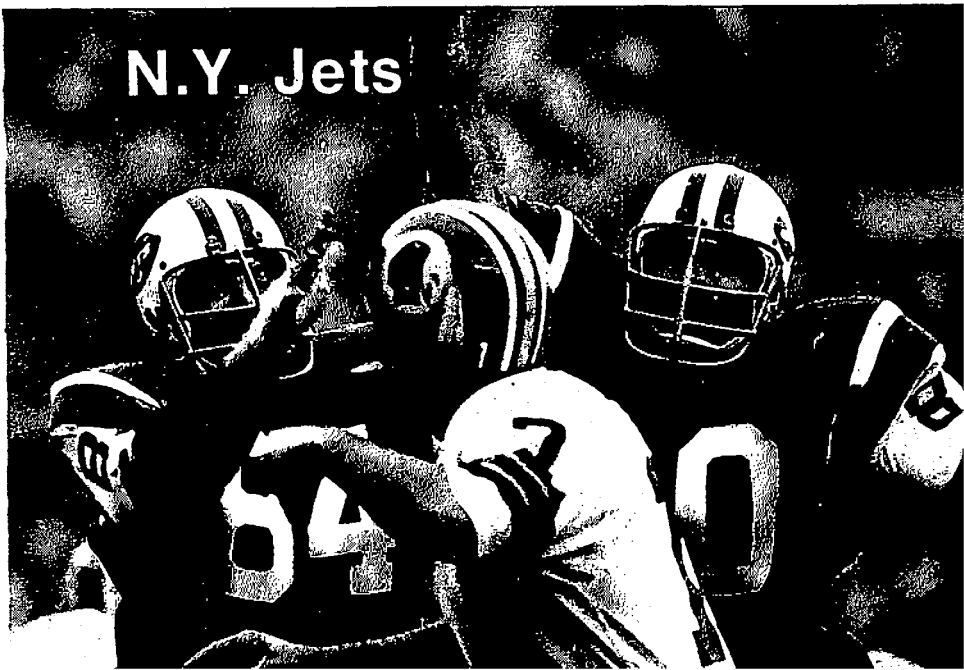
# Cleveland



*Veteran All-Pro Leroy Kelly adds to his rushing total. He is the fourth leading ball carrier in NFL history.*

*Mark Lomas and John Elliott put big rush on Bill Kilmer.*

# N.Y. Jets





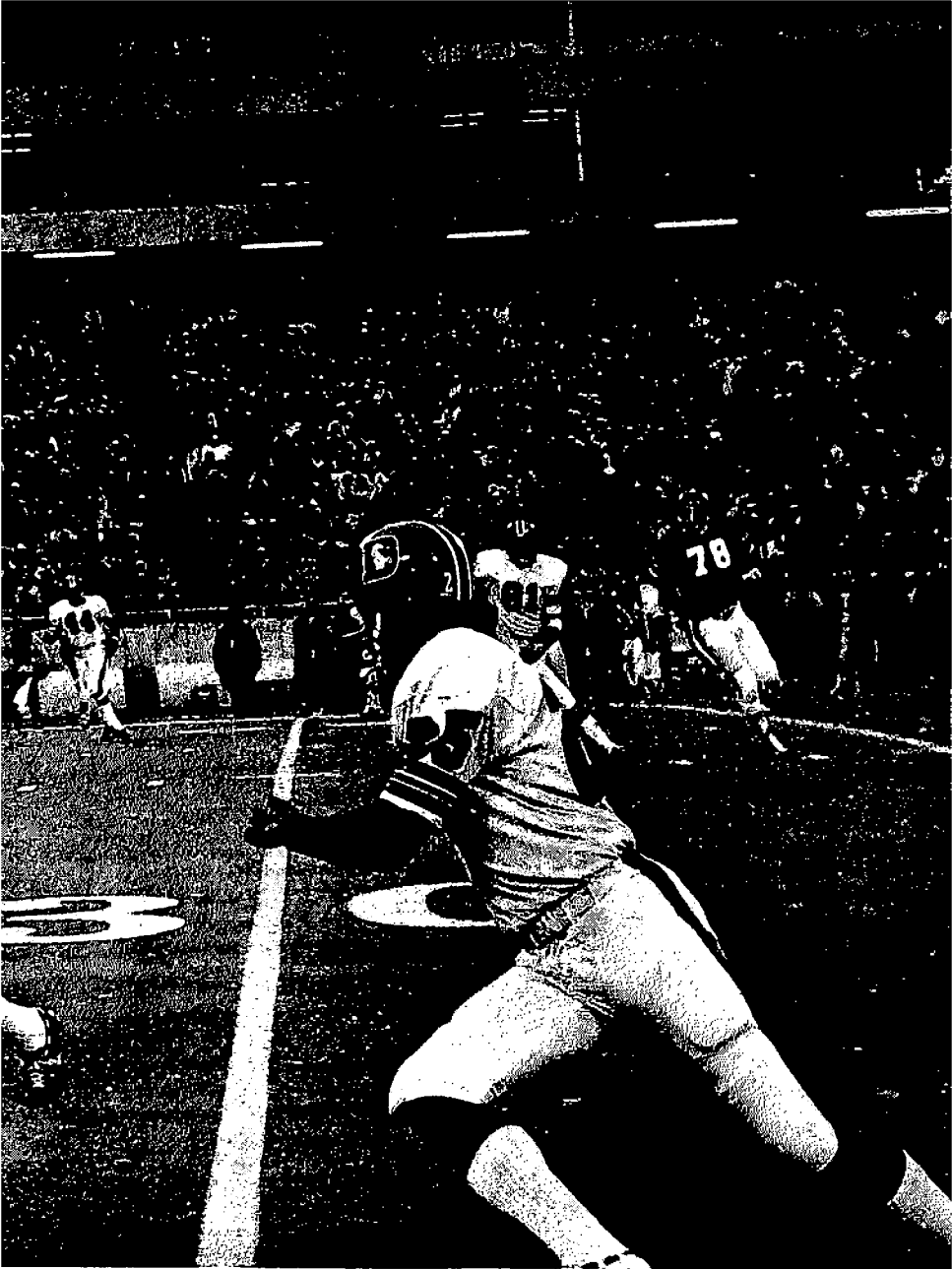
## Buffalo

*J.D. Hill takes touchdown pass from Dennis Shaw against the Jets. Hill figures to be premier receiver in AFC.*



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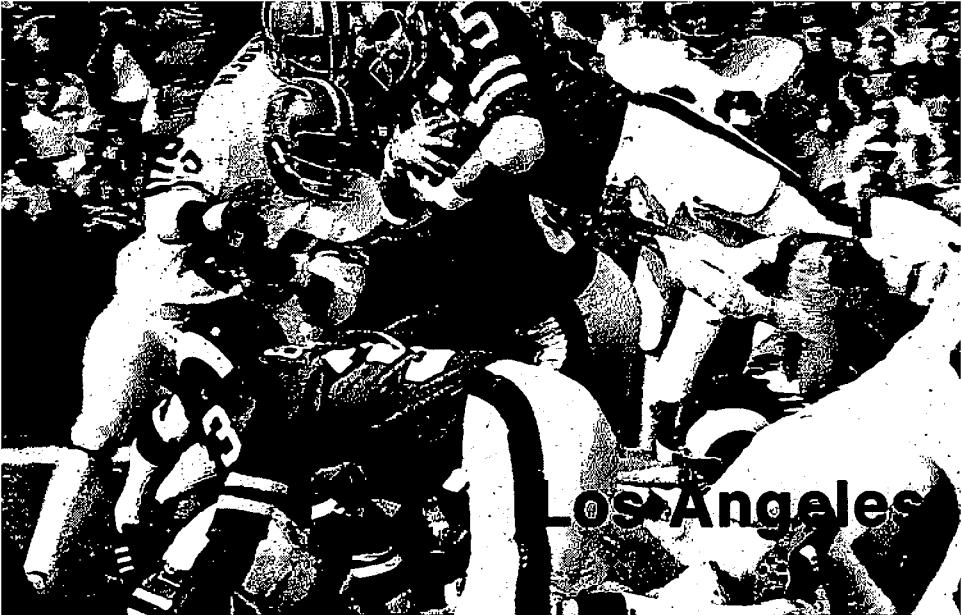


***Safetyman Jim Kearney with interception vs. Denver, one of four he returned for touchdowns in 1972.***

# Miami

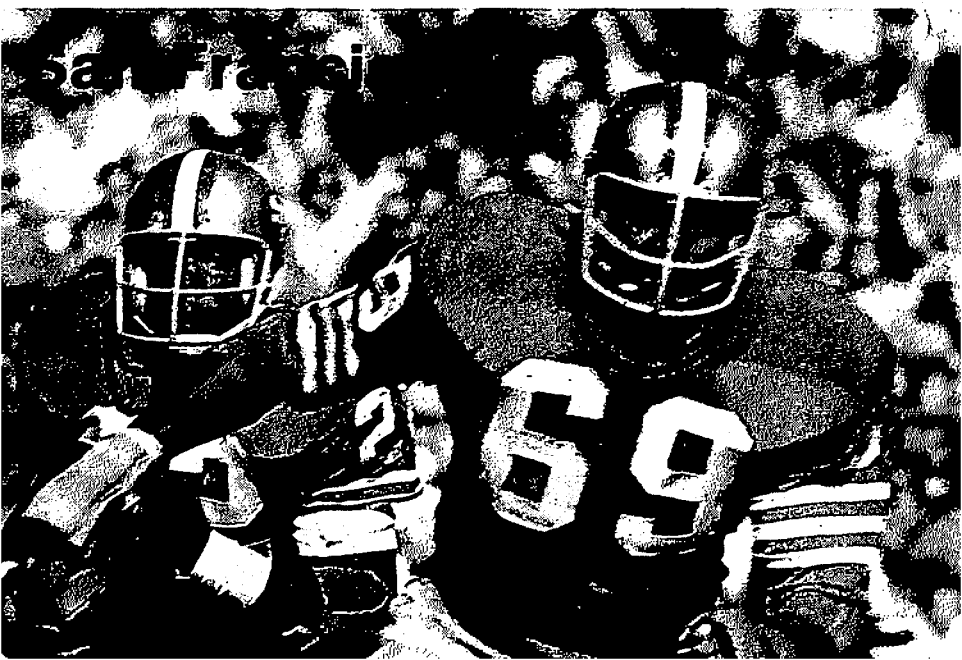


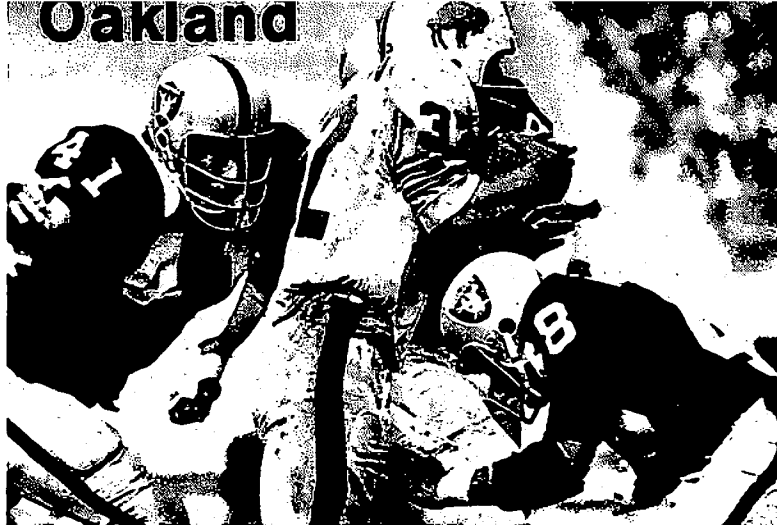
*Veteran middle linebacker Nick Buoniconti (85) lends experience to young Dolphin defense.*



*As a rookie, Jim Bertelsen proved to be prized plum. Here he vaults for yardage against Atlanta.*

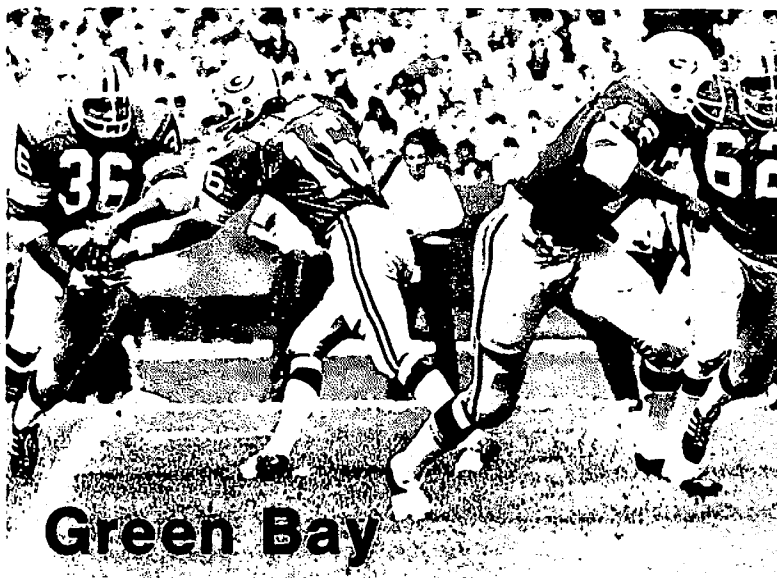
*Guard Woody Peoples leads the sweep as Vic Washington gains big yardage.*





*Linebacker Phil Villapiano and defensive back Nemiah Wilson converge on enemy ball carrier.*

*When Brockington isn't making big yardage, MacArthur Lane is. Here Mac gets ready to follow blockers.*



*Joe Greene, everybody's All-Pro defensive tackle, shows strength and agility in getting to Dallas ball carrier.*



Pittsburgh



San Diego

Guard Doug Wilkerson (63) leads Mike Garrett on a sweep for part of running back's season total of 1,031 yards.





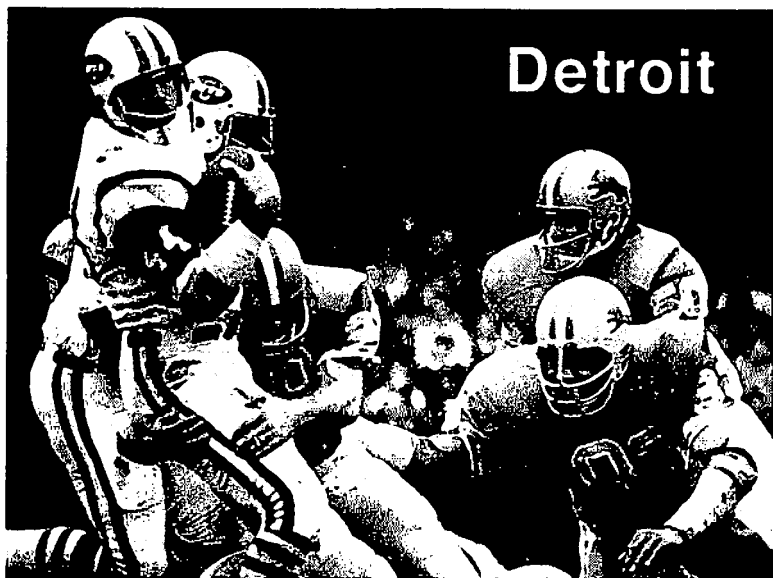


Minnesota

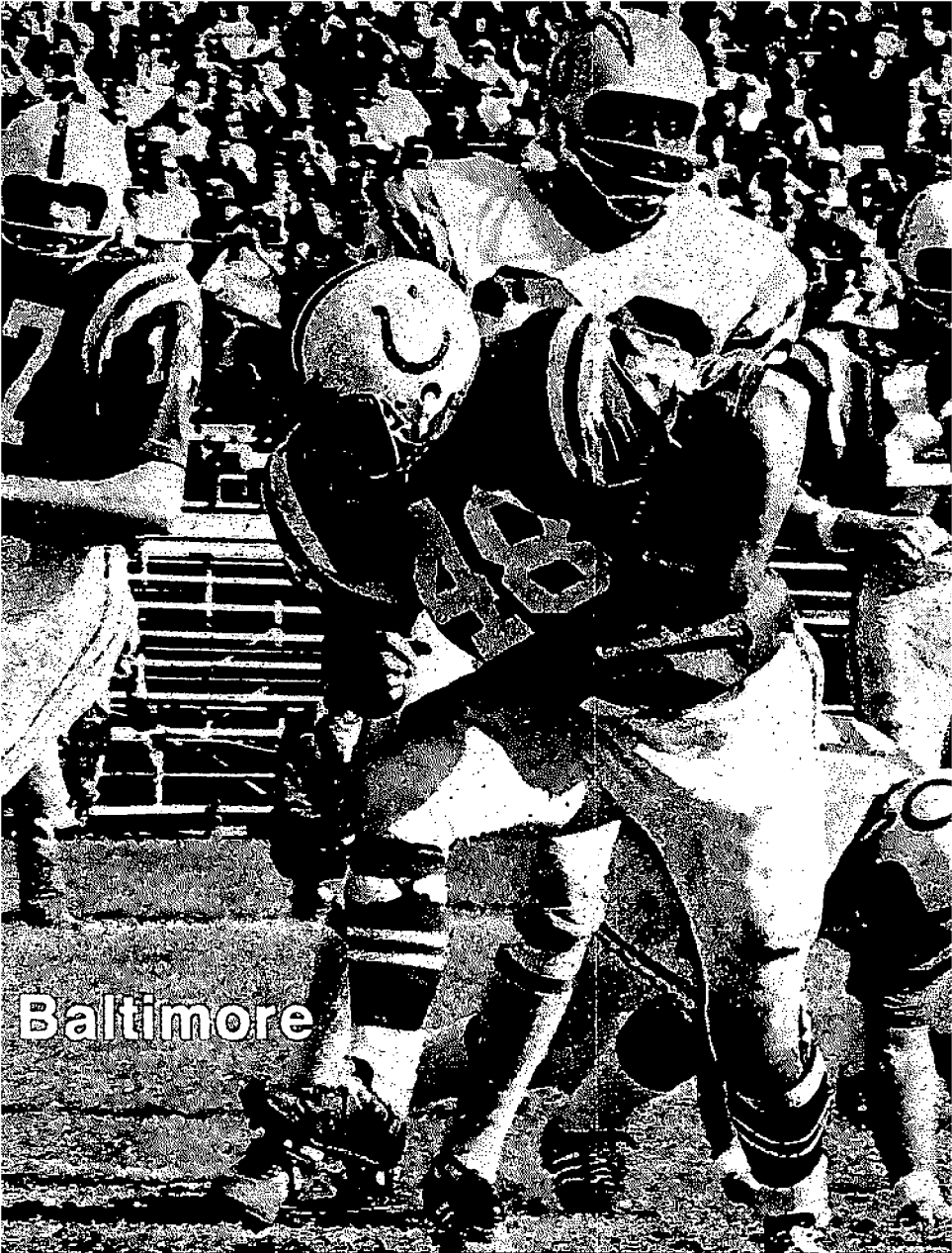


*Swift receiver Ken Burrow is headed for a TD after grabbing pass against the Rams.*

*The Jets' John Riggins is about to be flattened by a Lion defense which can be tough when it has to be.*



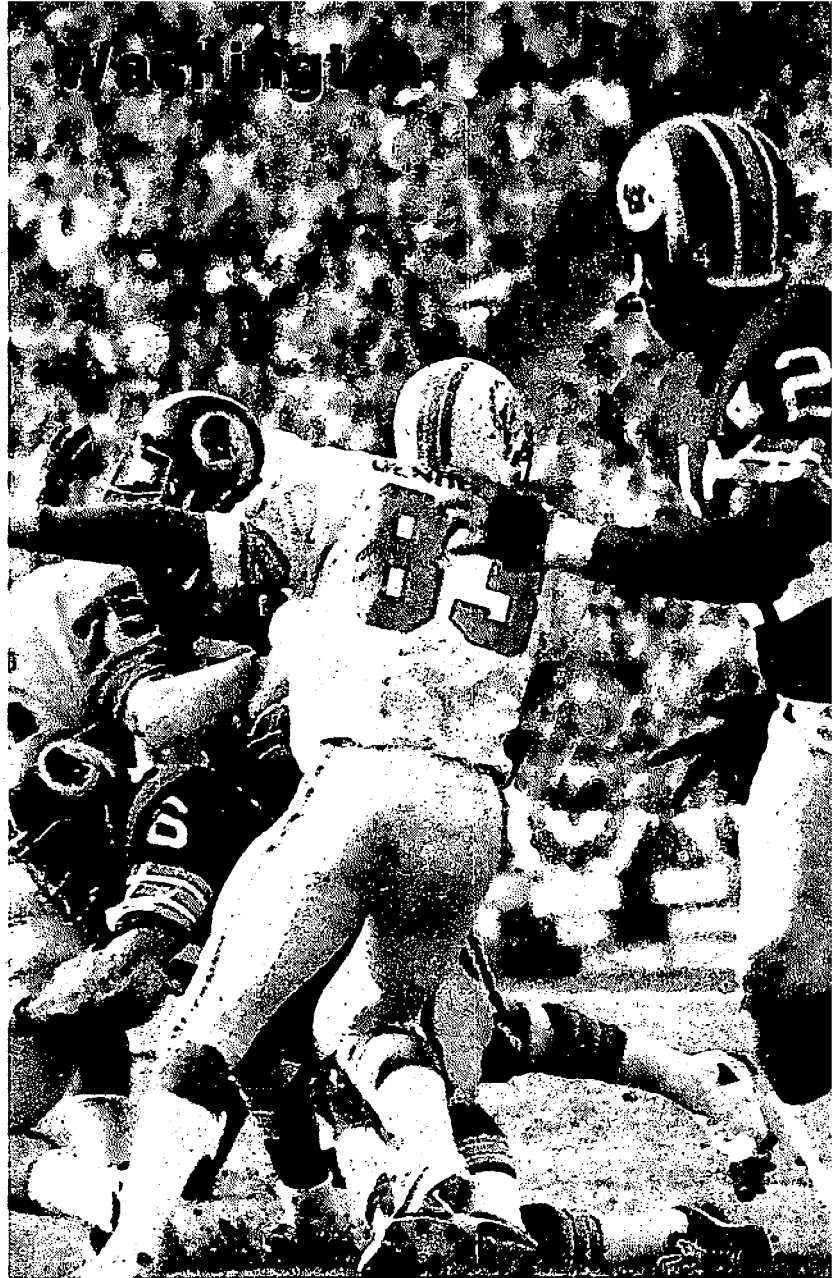
*Dolphins' Bob Griese gets tracked down by Larsen, Eller and Page... the veteran Viking defenders.*



*Fireplug Don Nottingham, a 17th round draftee in 1971, rips off good yardage against Charges.*



*A Dick Butkus bearhug gives Chicago a chance at a fumble recovery.*





*Charley Taylor is open and Kilmer lets fly in the Super Bowl battle against Miami.*

# NFL'S TOP DRAFT SELECTIONS

## Top Draft Selections for 1973 AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE.

### BALTIMORE COLTS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	JONES, Bert	QB	Louisiana State
	from New Orleans		
	EHRMANN, Joe	DT	Syracuse
2.	BARNES, Mike	DE	Miami
3.	OLDS, Bill	RB	Nebraska
	from Denver through		
	Houston		
	ROTELLA, Jamie	LB	Tennessee

### BUFFALO BILLS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	SEYMOUR, Paul	T	Michigan
	DE LAMIELLEURE, J.G.		Michigan State
	from Miami		
2.	WINANS, Jeff	DT	So. California
3.	FERGUSON, Joe	QB	Arkansas
	KAMPA, Bob	DT	California
	from Washington		

### CINCINNATI BENGALS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	CURTIS, Isaac	WR	San Diego State
2.	CHANDLER, Albert	TE	Oklahoma
3.	GEORGE, Tim	WR	Carson-Newman

### CLEVELAND BROWNS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	HOLDEN, Steve	WR	Arizona State
	from New York Giants		
	ADAMS, Pete	T	So. California
2.	PRUITT, Greg	RB	Oklahoma
	from New England		
	through N.Y. Giants		
	STEINKE, Jim	DB	S.W. Texas
3.	CRUM, Bob	DE	Arizona
	from Kansas City		
	through Baltimore		

### DENVER BRONCOS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	ARMSTRONG, Otis	RB	Purdue
2.	CHAVOUS, Barney	DE	South Carolina State
3.	HOWARD, Paul	G	Brigham Young
	from New Orleans		
	through Washington and		
	Cleveland		
	Choice to Baltimore		
	through Houston		
	WOOD, John	DT	Louisiana State
	from San Francisco		
	through Washington and		
	San Diego		

### HOUSTON OILERS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	MATUSZAK, John	DE	Tampa
	AMUNDSON, George	RB	Iowa State
	from Atlanta		
2.	Choice to Kansas City		
3.	Choice to Dallas		
	through New Orleans		

### KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Detroit		
	through Chicago		
2.	BUTLER, Gary	TE	Rice
	from Houston		
	Choice to Los Angeles		
3.	Choice to Cleveland		
	through Baltimore		
	KRAUSE, Paul	T	Central Michigan
	from Cleveland		

### MIAMI DOLPHINS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Buffalo		
2.	BRADLEY, Chuck	C	Oregon
3.	GRAY, Leon	T	Jackson State

### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	HANNAH, John	G	Alabama
	CUNNINGHAM, Sam	RB	So. California
	from Los Angeles		
	STINGLEY, Darryl	WR	Purdue
	from Chicago		
2.	Choice to Cleveland		
	through New York Giants		
3.	DUSEK, Brad	DB	Texas A&M
	DAVIS, Charles	RB	Alcorn A&M
	from Dallas		

### NEW YORK JETS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	OWENS, Burgess	DB	Miami
2.	WOODS, Robert	T	Tennessee
3.	Choice to New Orleans		State

### OAKLAND RAIDERS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	GUY, William Ray	K-P	Southern Mississippi
2.	JOHNSON, Monte	DT	Nebraska
3.	Choice to Detroit		
	through Los Angeles		

### PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	THOMAS, James	DB	Florida State
2.	PHARES, Ken	DB	Mississippi State
3.	BERNHARDT, Roger	G	Kansas

### SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Philadelphia		
	RODGERS, Johnny	WR	Nebraska
	from Washington		
	through Baltimore		
2.	Choice to Los Angeles		
3.	Choice to Los Angeles		
	FOUTS, Dan	QB	Oregon

# Top Draft Selections for 1973 NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE.

## ATLANTA FALCONS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Houston		
2.	MARX, Greg	DT	Notre Dame
3.	Choice to San Diego through Oakland		

## CHICAGO BEARS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	CHAMBERS, Wallace	DE	Eastern Kentucky
2.	HUFF, Gary	QB	Florida State
	HRIVNAK, Gary	DT	Purdue
3.	Choice to Detroit		

## DALLAS COWBOYS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	DU PREE, Billy Joe	TE	Michigan State
2.	RICHARDS, Golden	WR	Hawaii
	from Green Bay		
	Choice to Chicago		
3.	MARTIN, Harvey		
	from Houston through DE		East Texas State
	New Orleans		
	Choice to New England		

## DETROIT LIONS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	PRICE, Ernest	DE	Texas A&I
2.	CROSSWHITE, Leon	RB	Oklahoma
3.	BRADY, John	TE	Washington
	from Chicago		
	LASLAVIC, Jim	LB	Penn State
	JOHNSON, Levi	DB	Texas A&I
	from Oakland through Los Angeles		

## GREEN BAY PACKERS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	SMITH, Barry	WR	Florida State
2.	Choice to Dallas		
3.	MAC LEOD, Tom	LB	Minnesota

## LOS ANGELES RAMS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to New England		
2.	BRYANT, Cullen	DB	Colorado
	from San Diego		
	JAWORSKI, Ron	QB	Youngstown
	YOUNGBLOOD, Jim	LB	Tennessee
	from Kansas City		Tech
3.	STOKES, Tim	T	Oregon
	from San Diego		
	Choice to St. Louis		

## MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	FOREMAN, Charles	RB	Miami
2.	WALLACE, Jackie	DB	Arizona
	from St. Louis		
	Choice to New York Giants		
3.	LASH, Jim	WR	Northwestern

## NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Baltimore		
2.	MOORE, Derland	DE	Oklahoma
	BAUMGARTNER, S.	DE	Purdue
	from Washington through New York Jets		
3.	Choice to Denver through Washington and Cleveland		
3.	VAN VALKENBURG, Pete	RB	Brigham Young
	from New York Jets		

## NEW YORK GIANTS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to Cleveland		
2.	VAN PELT, Brad	LB	Michigan St.
	from Minnesota		
	Choice to San Francisco		
3.	GLOVER, Rich	DT	Nebraska

## PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	SISEMORE, Jerry	T	Texas
	YOUNG, Charlie	TE	So. California
	from San Diego		
2.	MORRIS, Guy	G	Texas Christian
3.	LOGAN, Randy	DB	Michigan

## SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	HOLMES, Michael	DB	Texas Southern
2.	HARPER, Willie	LB	Nebraska
	Choice to St. Louis		
3.	Choice to Denver through Washington and San Diego		

## ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	BUTZ, Dave	DT	Purdue
2.	Choice to Minnesota		
	KEITHLEY, Gary	QB	Texas-El-Paso
	from San Francisco		
3.	STURT, Fred	G	Bowling Green
	METCALF, Terry	RB	Long Beach State
	from Los Angeles		

## WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Rnd.	Name	Pos.	College
1.	Choice to San Diego through Baltimore		
2.	Choice to New Orleans through New York Jets		
3.	Choice to Buffalo		



# ATLANTA FALCONS



*All-NFL star Claude Humphrey shows why he's so highly rated as he gets ready to dump Roman Gabriel of the Rams.*

■After struggling for the first several years since gaining an NFL franchise in 1966, the Falcons have come close to doing the job in the NFC's Western Division the past couple of seasons, only to fall short in the backstretch.

In 1971, the Falcons posted their first winning year ever, a 7-6-1 record, but crucial losses to the Rams and 49ers wiped out title dreams. Then last year, in a three-way battle for the division title again, the Falcons were in contention until the final day of the year when the 49ers dumped the Vikings and Kansas City did in the Falcons. Atlanta was 7-5 heading into the final two games, but lost both of them, and so the 49ers came on to win the bauble with an 8-5-1 record.

It was that kind of year for the Falcons, a year in which Dave Hampton rushed past the 1,000-

hard mark in the final game, only to suffer a six-yard loss on his final carry to reduce him to 995 for the season. But the Falcons are a strong club—make no mistake about it — with some outstanding players like Hampton, acquired in a trade with the Packers, All-Pros Claude Humphrey and Jim Mitchell, not to forget the redoubtable Tommy Nobis, George Kunz and running back Art Malone who caught 50 passes in 1972 and rushed for a bunch of yards as well.

Atlanta fans have been solid ones ever since that initial year, and their patience seems about to be rewarded. A couple of key off-season trades have helped and some fine young players who keep maturing under pressure can blend to make the Falcons a factor in 1973, if not for the next several years. •

# Atlanta Veteran Roster

Pro						Pro							
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.		
54	Allen, G.	LB	6-2	229	27	6	19	Lee, B.	QB	6-2	195	28	5
37	Bell, B.	K	6-0	192	25	3	69	Lewis, M.	DT	6-4	244	24	3
28	Belton, W.	RB	5-11	207	24	3	25	Malone, A.	RB	5-11	211	25	4
51	Benson, D.	LB	6-2	215	28	7	77	Manning, R.	DT	6-5	256	23	2
50	Brezina, G.	LB	6-0	226	27	5	64	Maurer, A.	G	6-3	265	24	4
34	Brown, R.	S	6-1	208	24	3	83	Mialik, L.	TE	6-2	226	23	2
82	Burrow, K.	WR	6-0	191	25	3	55	Miller, J.	G	6-3	240	24	3
81	Chesson, W.	WR	6-2	195	24	3	86	Mitchell, J.	TE	6-1	234	25	5
88	Condren, G.	DT	6-3	251	31	8	60	Nobis, T.	LB	6-2	240	29	8
32	Easterling, R.	S	6-0	195	23	2	35	Plummer, T.	S	5-11	188	26	4
29	Ellis, C.	S	5-11	193	23	2	23	Proffit, J.	RB	6-0	213	24	3
69	Fritsch, T.	C	6-2	239	23	2	44	Ray, E.	RB	6-2	240	26	4
31	Gerrmany, W.	S	6-0	192	25	2	36	Reaves, K.	CB	6-3	210	28	8
65	Gotshalk, L.	T	6-4	244	23	2	61	Sandeman, B.	T	6-6	252	30	8
43	Hampton, D.	RB	6-0	210	26	5	11	Shiner, D.	QB	6-0	201	31	10
58	Hansen, D.	LB	6-2	235	29	7	66	Small, J.	DT	6-4	269	26	4
56	Havig, D.	G	6-2	245	24	2	80	Snyder, T.	WR	6-2	192	24	4
27	Hayes, T.	CB	6-1	199	27	3	7	Sullivan, P.	QB	6-0	198	23	2
87	Humphrey, C.	DE	6-4	252	29	6	74	Tilleman, M.	DT	6-7	272	29	7
6	James, J.	P	6-3	197	24	2	57	Van Note, J.	C	6-2	243	27	5
46	Jarvis, R.	WR	6-0	200	24	3	5	Wages, H.	RB	6-1	215	27	5
59	Jenke, N.	LB	6-2	221	26	3	79	Walker, C.	DT	6-3	250	32	10
75	Kunz, G.	T	6-5	257	26	5		Warwick, L.	LB	6-3	238	31	8
40	Lamb, R.	RB	6-2	225	28	5	71	Zook, J.	DE	6-4	243	25	5

## Atlanta Schedule

September 16	.....at New Orleans	.....1:00 p.m.
September 23	.....at Los Angeles	.....1:00 p.m.
October 1	.....at Detroit (Mon.)	.....9:00 p.m.
October 7	.....SAN FRANCISCO	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....CHICAGO	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....at San Diego	.....1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....at San Francisco	.....1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....LOS ANGELES	.....1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....at Philadelphia	.....1:00 p.m.
November 19	.....MINNESOTA (Mon.)	.....9:00 p.m.
November 25	.....at New York Jets	.....4:00 p.m.
December 2	.....BUFFALO	.....1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....ST. LOUIS	.....1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....NEW ORLEANS	.....1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# Atlanta Key Players



✓  
**KEN BURROW, WR, 6-0, 192, 3rd Yr., Age 25, San Diego State**  
No. 2 draft choice in 1971, he had an outstanding rookie year with 33 catches for 741 yards and 22.5 average. Dropped off to 29 catches last year for 492 yards but scored five TDs and remains a constant long ball threat. Fine future.

**DAVE HAMPTON, RB, 6-0, 210, 5th Yr., Age 26, Wyoming**  
Came from Packers in key trade and promptly became the club's leading rusher with 995 yards. Actually went over 1,000 in final game, but a six-yard loss dumped him back under charmed mark. Great speed.



**DON HANSEN, LB, 6-3, 220 7th Yr., Age 29, Illinois**  
Mr. Versatility, he played all three linebacking spots, won club MVP honors in '71. Had three interceptions, including 40-yard TD return against Browns. Former Viking joined Atlanta in 1969 after a year's retirement, has been solid ever since.

**TOM HAYES, DB, 6-1, 193, 3rd Yr., Age 27, San Diego State**  
Continued outstanding work from his rookie year when he made All-NFL rookie team, intercepted three passes, scored three TDs on returns of fumbles, blocked punts. In '72, had five more interceptions. Has great potential.



**CLAUDE HUMPHREY, DE, 6-5, 255, 6th Yr., Age 29, Tenn. State**  
Unanimous All-Pro last year, that marked the third straight year he's won either Conference or NFL honors. No. 1 draft choice has been a starter ever since he was NFL Rookie of Year. A Pro Bowler every campaign. Obviously, there's none better.

**GEORGE KUNZ, Tackle, 6-5, 255, 5th Yr., Age 26, Notre Dame**  
Another Falcon No. 1 choice who has been a starter and a star since his rookie year. Tough, big, durable, quick . . . you name it. Has made All-NFL honors over last couple of years and been a Pro Bowl starter for NFC in each of last two games.



**MIKE LEWIS, DT, 6-4, 255, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Arkansas A.M.&N.**  
Came to camp as a free agent defensive end two years ago, then built up strength and moved to tackle where he did an outstanding job in 1972—first full year at the position. Could be key to a really superb Falcon front four in '73.

**ART MALONE, RB, 5-11, 200, 4th Yr., Age 25, Arizona State**  
Rugged runner who is at his best inside the enemy's 20-yard line. Also proved dynamite coming out of backfield last year, catching 50 passes for 585 yards, and his rushing total of 798 certainly complimented Hampton. Scored 10 TDs in '72.





**JIM MITCHELL, TE, 6-2, 225, 5th Yr., Age 25, Prairie View**

There are some fine tight ends around the NFL, but the Falcons feel Jim is the best. Made it to the Pro Bowl this past year. Great speed, he had 28 catches for 460 yards in '72, scored four TDs. Also one of top blockers around.



**TOMMY NOBIS, LB, 6-3, 237, 8th Yr., Age 29, Texas**

Plagued by knee injuries a couple of years back, he's returned to top form, and that form made him an All-Pro almost every year in his early career. Had three interceptions in '72, one for a TD. Key to entire defense.



**MIKE TILLEMAN, DT, 6-7, 280, 8th Yr., Age 29, Montana**

Comes to Falcons in trade with Houston and could be a key addition. One of strongest defensive tackles in the league, he's loaded with courage and determination. His great competitive fire has to help the Falcons.



**JEFF VAN NOTE, Center, 6-2, 245, 5th Yr., Age 27, Kentucky**

No. 11 draft choice, he was cut from squad in 1969, but battled his way back to win starting job through determination. A halfback in high school, he was converted to center by Falcons and now rates as superior blocker by his coaches.



**JOHN ZOOK, DE, 6-5, 250, 5th Yr., Age 25, Kansas**

Falcons got him from Eagles in trade his rookie year, and he's been a starter with Atlanta ever since. Teams with Humphrey to give Falcons outstanding pass rush from both sides. Has great speed, scored TD in '72 on fumble recovery.



### **Norm Van Brocklin** *Head Coach*

Has been Atlanta's head coach since the fourth game of the 1968 season, when he took over for Norb Hecker, who was released. Named general manager in January of 1970 after a 6-8-0, 1969 season. Named coach of new Minnesota Vikings franchise which entered NFL in 1961 and won its

first league game, 37-13, over Chicago Bears. Van Brocklin's coaching record is 48-83-6. Los Angeles Rams' fourth draft choice in 1949 and led NFL in passing in 1950, '52 and '54, and in punting in '55 and '56. Set NFL record of 554 yards passing in single game (Rams VS. New York Yankees, September 28, 1951). Threw winning TD pass to Tom Fears in Rams' 1951 NFL championship victory. Traded to Philadelphia Eagles before 1958 season, and led them to world championship in final year as player, 1960. Played in nine Pro Bowl games, on two world championship teams, three conference winners and one conference co-champion in 13-year career.

# Atlanta 1972 Club Leaders

## RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Hampton .....	230	995	4.3	156	6
Malone .....	180	798	4.4	27	8
Profit .....	40	132	3.3	14	0
Berry .....	24	86	3.6	16	2
Belton .....	10	20	2.0	8	0

Ellis .....	3	13	4.3	13	0
Brown .....	2	46	23.0	46	0

## KICKOFF RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Hampton .....	25	535	21.4	52	0
Belton .....	21	441	21.0	41	0

## PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.
Berry .....	277	154	55.6	2158	13	62
Sullivan .....	19	3	15.8	44	0	3

## PUNT RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Belton .....	16	109	6.8	34	0
Brown .....	9	72	8.0	29	0

## PASS REC.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Malone .....	50	585	11.7	157	2
Burrow .....	29	492	17.0	40	5
Mitchell .....	28	460	16.4	140	4
Hampton .....	23	244	10.6	43	1
Chesson .....	18	338	18.8	46	1

## PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
James .....	61	2,609	42.8	59

## INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Hayes .....	5	10	2.0	8	0
Nobis .....	3	74	24.7	37	1
Reaves .....	3	59	19.7	28	0

## SCORING

	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts.
Bell .....	0	0	0	31	16	79
Malone .....	8	2	10	0	0	60
Hampton .....	6	1	7	0	0	42
Burrow .....	0	5	5	0	0	30
Mitchell .....	0	4	4	0	0	24
Berry .....	2	0	2	0	0	12

# Atlanta All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Jim Butler, with 609 carries for 2,250 yards	(1968-'71)
Junior Coffey, with 428 carries for 1,712 yards	(1966-'69)

## PASSING

Bob Berry with 598 completions in 1,049 attempts for 8,489 yards and 57 TDs	(1968-'72)
Randy Johnson, with 435 completions in 904 attempts for 5,538 yards and 34 TDs	(1966-'70)

## PASS RECEIVING

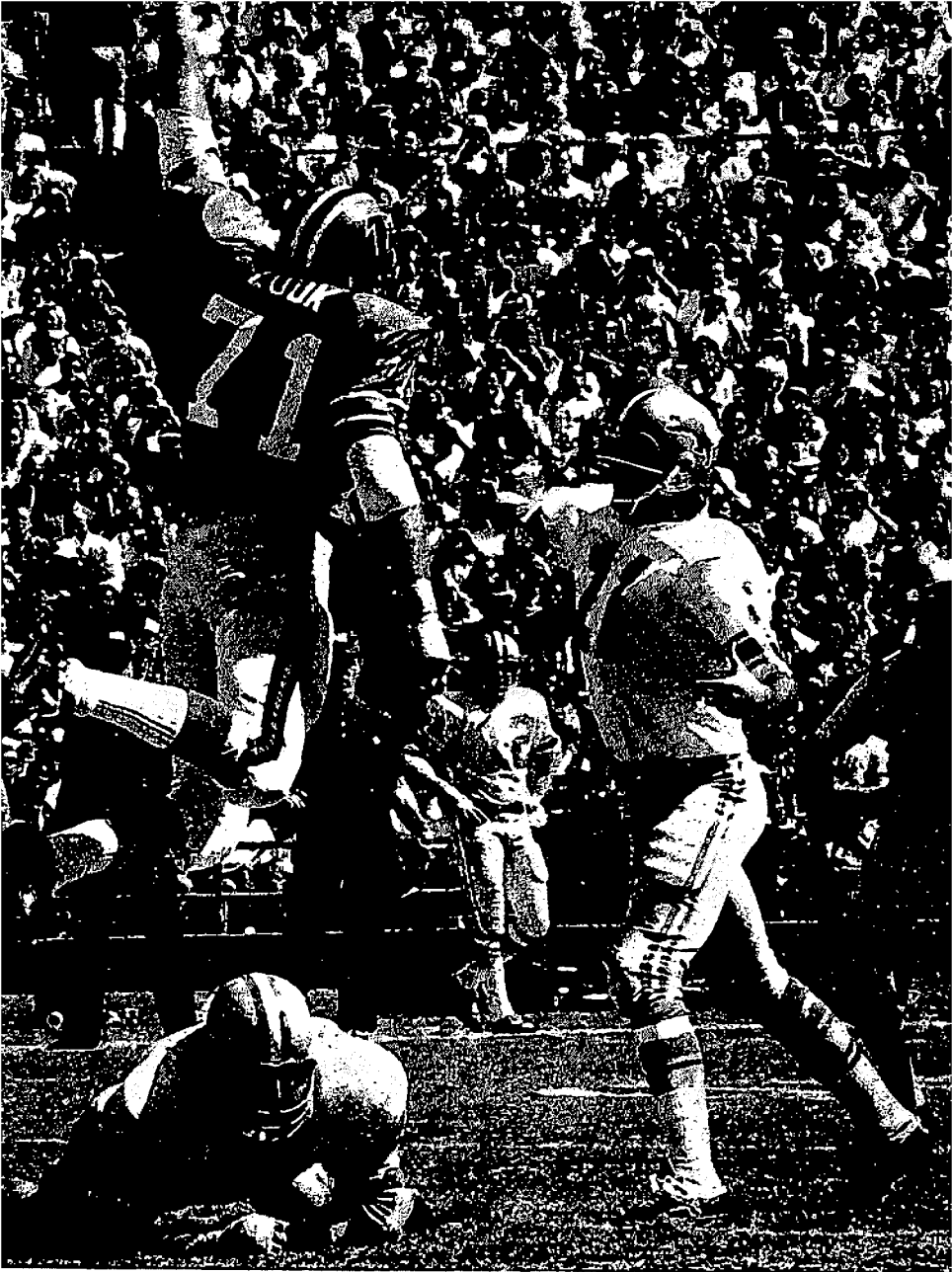
Jim Mitchell, with 127 receptions for 2,052 yards	(1969-'72)
Paul Flatley, with 104 receptions for 1,683 yards, 7 TDs	(1968-'70)

## INTERCEPTIONS

Ken Reaves, with 24	(1966-'71)
Lee Calland, with 8	(1966-'68)

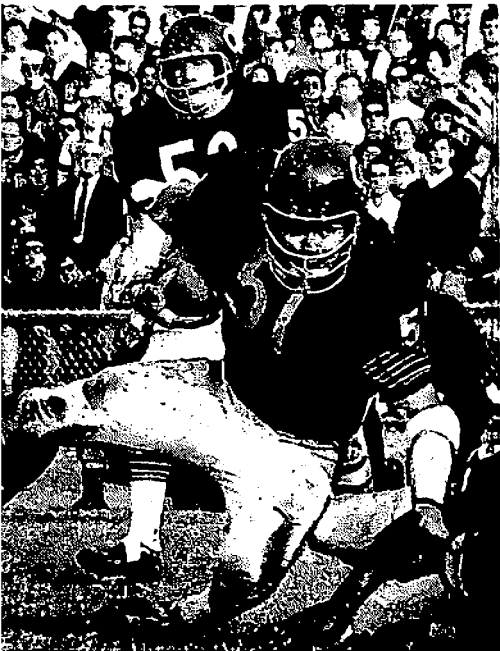
## SCORING

Bill Bell, with 147 points	(1971-'72)
Bob Etter, with 128 points	(1968-'69)



*Defensive end John Zook goes airborne in attempt to block Detroit passing attempt.*

# CHICAGO BEARS



*Chicago's Dick Butkus shows his versatility by intercepting a pass.*

■ The Chicago Bears and George Halas are synonymous with the National Football League, make no mistake about that. And there's as much tradition on this club as any in the history of any professional sport.

The Bears haven't been winning much in the past couple of years, but now George has his man Abe Gibrion coaching that ball club and despite a 4-9-1 record last year under Abe, after a 6-8 finish the previous year under another coach, Halas feels that 1972 was a transitional year and that Gibrion and his young club made definite progress. Gibrion brought discipline and enthusiasm if not victories, and

with that young, enthusiastic and disciplined club, the feeling in the Windy City is that the Bears will be growling a lot in 1973.

In 1972, Chicago didn't think much of the forward pass as a weapon. Quarterback Bobby Douglass completed 75 of his 198 launches for just nine touchdowns. Instead, Douglass preferred to run and at 6-4 and 225, he knocks people down. He ran for 968 yards and a 6.9 average and scored eight times last year, and fullback Jim Harrison added 622 more yards. Now the Bears have added the swift and elusive Carl Garrett from the Patriots and maybe the pressure will be off Douglass to run so much. And rookie QB Gary Huff might just show enough to make a pure running back out of Douglass. A young, aggressive offensive line that showed improvement will also help.

Defense? Well, a fierce man named Richard Butkus still plays middle linebacker for Chicago and he knocks down anything and everything that moves. Willie Holman will also be back at defensive end after missing the entire season with an achilles tendon injury and that helps too.

This is not to say that the Bears will suddenly become an undefeated team . . . but it would appear that Gibrion has things going in the right direction for Mr. Halas and that the Packers, Lions and Vikings had better sit up and take notice of the Bears in the Central Division. They could well be a solid comeback team in 1973 . . . which would please Mr. Halas no end. ●

# Chicago Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	Pro	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	Pro
79	Antoine, L.	T	6-6	255	23	2		59	Janet, E.	G	6-4	250	24	2	
74	Ahser, B.	T	6-5	250	25	3		29	Jeter, B.	CB	6-1	200	38	11	
	Beard, T.	C	6-6	280	24	2		33	Kosins, G.	RB	6-1	215	24	2	
	Bratkowski, Z.	QB	6-3	215	41	14		36	Lawson, R.	RB	6-2	215	23	2	
31	Brupbacher, R.	LB	6-3	215	25	4		67	Line, B.	DT	6-7	260	24	2	
55	Buffone, D.	LB	6-3	230	29	8		44	Lyle, B.	S	6-2	198	27	6	
51	Butkus, D.	LB	6-3	245	30	9			Matlock, J.	C	6-3	252	28	6	
73	Buzin, R.	T	6-4	250	28	6		71	McGee, T.	DE	6-4	250	24	3	
72	Cadile, J.	G	6-3	250	33	12		54	McKinney, B.	LB	6-1	226	28	2	
25	Clemons, C.	CB	5-11	187	24	2		18	Moore, J.	S	6-3	208	24	3	
53	Coady, R.	C	6-3	245	28	3		49	Moore, J.	RB	6-1	205	24	2	
	Cotton, C.	TE	6-4	210	25	5		78	Newton, B.	G	6-4	250	24	3	
87	DeLong, S.	DE	6-2	254	30	9		68	Osborne, J.	DT	6-3	250	23	2	
10	Douglass, B.	QB	6-4	225	26	5		86	Parsons, B.	TE	6-4	234	23	2	
43	Farmer, G.	WR	6-4	214	25	4		83	Percival, M.	K	6-4	220	33	7	
32	Ford, C.	CB	6-3	185	25	3		58	Pifferini, B.	LB	6-2	228	23	2	
	Garrett, C.	RB	5-11	210	25	5		22	Pinder, C.	RB	6-2	210	26	5	
88	Green, B.	P	5-11	175	37	14		70	Rice, A.	DT	6-2	268	32	8	
30	Gunn, J.	LB	6-1	220	24	4		53	Rowden, L.	LB	6-2	220	24	3	
75	Hale, D.	DT	6-8	255	26	4		84	Seymour, J.	WR	6-4	210	27	4	
35	Harrison, J.	RB	6-4	235	24	3		24	Shy, D.	RB	6-1	210	27	7	
	Harvey, R.	CB	6-2	190	25	3		48	Smith, R.*	S	6-1	195	30	8	
61	Holloway, G.	G	6-3	250	24	4		76	Staley, B.	DT	6-3	250	26	5	
85	Holman, W.	DE	6-4	250	28	6		20	Taylor, J.	CB	6-1	200	32	7	
38	Holmes, R.	RB	5-9	221	27	6		82	Thomas, E.	TE	6-3	224	24	3	
64	Horton, L.	DT	6-4	248	24	2		21	Turner, C.	WR	5-10	176	29	6	
7	Huarte, J.	QB	6-0	185	30	7		89	Wallace, B.	TE	6-3	220	27	6	
65	Jackson, R.	T	6-5	250	29	7									

\*Traded to San Diego

## Chicago Schedule

September 16	.....DALLAS	.....1:00 p.m.
September 23	.....MINNESOTA	.....1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....at Denver	.....2:00 p.m.
October 7	.....at New Orleans	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....at Atlanta	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....NEW ENGLAND	.....1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....HOUSTON	.....1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....at Green Bay	.....1:00 p.m.
November 12	.....at Kansas City (Mon.)	.....8:00 p.m.
November 18	.....DETROIT	.....1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....at Minnesota	.....1:00 p.m.
December 2	.....LOS ANGELES	.....1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....at Detroit	.....1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....GREEN BAY	.....1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)



# Chicago Key Players



**BOB ASHER, Tackle, 6-5, 250, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Vanderbilt**  
Big, young and strong offensive tackle came from the Dallas Cowboys where he had been a reserve performer. Stepped in to do a solid, workmanlike job for the Bears and seems to have a good future. Very agile, blocks well on the run.

**DOUG BUFFONE, LB, 6-3, 230, 8th Yr., Age 29, Louisville**  
Rugged outside linebacker teams with Butkus to give Bears tough veteran tandem. Has good movement on pass drops and is a deadly tackler. One interception in 1972 after six during previous two campaigns.



**DICK BUTKUS, LB, 6-3, 245, 9th Yr., Age 30, Illinois**  
Mr. All-Pro MLB himself, and some say maybe the best in the middle ever. Ranges far and wide to knock down passes, blockers and other people. Had four fumble recoveries in '72, now has NFL record of 24. Also two interceptions.

**BOB DOUGLASS, QB, 6-4, 225, 5th Yr., Age 26, Kansas**  
He doesn't throw the ball that often since he prefers to run with it. He rushed for 968 yards last year, the most ever by a quarterback and scored eight TDs. Also completed 75 passes for 1,246 yards and nine more TDs.



**GEORGE FARMER, WR, 6-4, 215, 4th Yr., Age 24, UCLA**  
No. 1 draft choice in 1970, he led the Bears in receiving his first two years with 31 and 46 catches respectively, for good yardage. Douglass didn't throw much in '72 so George had only 14 catches. Nonetheless, still a deep threat.

**CHARLIE FORD, DB, 6-3, 185, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Houston**  
Solid cornerback who has been doing a fine job ever since rookie year. Had seven interceptions last season for 104 yards returned after swiping five his rookie year, leading team in that department for both years. Good tackler too.



**CARL GARRETT, RB, 5-11, 210, 5th Yr., Age 26, N. Mexico H'lands**  
Speedster comes to Bears in off-season deal with Patriots and could be a great addition. In four years with Patriots, the "Roadrunner" had 2,235 yards rushing, caught 107 passes for 1,158 yards and ran kickoffs back for another 3,043 yards!

**GLEN HOLLOWAY, Guard, 6-3, 250, 4th Yr., Age 24, N. Texas State**  
Strong youngster who has come on very well during past couple of seasons and seems now on the verge of becoming a solid lineman. Has improved considerably on his pass blocking and has always pulled well to lead sweeps.





**WILLIE HOLMAN, DE, 6-4, 250, 6th Yr., Age 28, S. Carolina St.**  
Out all of 1972 with an achilles tendon injury, Willie was sorely missed, but now he's fully recovered and should be as good as ever . . . which is substantial. Quick, strong and a solid competitor, he gives Bears that real good pass rush.



**RANDY JACKSON, Tackle, 6-5, 250, 7th Yr., Age 28, Florida**  
Determined is the word for Jackson who has come on to become a very fine tackle over the past several seasons. Sets up with vigor for his pass blocking and is a very aggressive hitter who gets the job done.



**BOB NEWTON, Guard, 6-4, 250, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Nebraska**  
All-American while in college, he was used mostly on special teams as a rookie, then won a job in his second season and proved he could play solid football in the NFL. He fits the bill nicely for the Bears' young, tough and improving line.



**RON SMITH, DB, 6-1, 195, 8th Yr., Age 30, Wisconsin**  
Tough and swift DB who also doubles as return specialist, and it was there where he was a particular asset. Led entire NFL in kickoff returns with 30 for a 30.8 average and a 94-yard TD. Also had 6.3 punt return mark.



**EARL THOMAS, TE, 6-3, 225, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Houston**  
Used sparingly his rookie season, he won himself a starting job in 1972 and proved to be a solid performer. Not only did he block well on the running plays, but he turned out to be leading receiver on club with 20 for 365 yards, three TDs.

*\*Traded to San Diego*



## **Abe Gibron** *Head Coach*

Abe Gibron is completely in the Bears tradition as the head coach. In the 53 year history of the team, changes in leadership have been rare but with one exception (Ralph Jones) every top man has had a Bears' background. Gibron has 10 years service with them in all as player and then assistant coach and his is only the sixth different head coaching regime in team history. Owner George S. Halas signed him on January 27, 1972, to a multi-year contract of unannounced duration. Pro football people respect his technical knowledge . . . seven seasons as an assistant have been split into three on offense and four on defense plus direction of the special units plus leadership of the painful calisthenics. Gibron, a native of Michigan City, Ind., and graduate of Purdue University, has been an outstanding pro football personality for 23 years.

# Chicago 1972 Club Leaders

## RUSHING ATT. YDS. AVG. LONG TDS

Douglass ....	141	968	6.9	57	8
Harrison ....	167	622	3.7	19	2
Shy ....	91	342	3.8	22	1
Pinder ....	87	300	3.4	19	3
Lawson ....	33	106	3.2	14	1

Butkus .....	2	19	9.5	14	0
Jeter .....	2	0	—	—	0

## KICKOFF Ret. NO. YDS. AVG. LONG TDS

Smith .....	30	924	30.8	94	1
Turner .....	16	409	25.6	57	0

## PASSING ATT. COM. PCT. YDS. TDS INT

Douglass	198	75	37.9	1246	9	12
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## PUNT Ret. NO. YDS. AVG. LONG TDS

Smith .....	26	163	6.3	29	0
Clemons .....	2	15	7.5	10	0

## PASS REC. NO. YDS. AVG. LONG TDS

Thomas ....	20	365	18.3	44	3
Farmer ....	14	380	27.1	1-85	2
Seymour ....	10	165	16.5	1-35	1
Shy ....	10	109	10.9	28	0
Lawson ....	8	120	15.0	40	0
Harrison ....	8	30	3.8	20	1

## PUNTING NO. YDS. AVG. LONGS.

Green .....	67	2758	41.2	58
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## INTER-CEPTIONS

### NO. YDS. AVG. LONG TDS

Ford .....	7	104	14.9	43	0
Taylor .....	4	0	—	—	0
Lyle .....	2	52	26.0	35	0

## SCORING TDR TDPTDS PAT FGPTS

Percival	0	0	0	26	12	62
Douglass	8	0	8	0	0	48
Thomas	0	3	4	0	0	24
Harrison	2	1	3	6	0	18
Pinder	3	0	3	0	0	18
Farmer	0	2	2	0	0	12

\*Includes one TD on return.

# Chicago All-Time Club Leader

## RUSHING

Rick Casares, with 1,386 carries for 5,657 yards	(1955-'64)
Gale Sayers, with 991 carries for 4,958 yards	(1965-'71)
Bronco Nagurski, with 873 carries for 4,031 yards	(1930-'37, '43)

## PASSING

Sid Luckman, with 904 completions in 1,744 attempts for 14,638 yards	(1939-'50)
Bill Wade, with 767 completions in 1,407 attempts for 9,958 yards	(1961-'67)

## PASS RECEIVING

Johnny Morris, with 355 receptions for 5,059 yards and 31 TDs	(1955-'67)
Mike Ditka, with 316 receptions for 4,503 yards and 34 TDs	(1961-'66)
Harlon Hill, 226 receptions for 4,615 yards and 40 TDs	(1954-'61)

## INTERCEPTIONS

Richie Petitbon, with 37	(1959-'68)
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## SCORING

George Blanda, with 541 points	(1949-'58)
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*Bears hope Joe Moore has recovered from injury. He was top draft pick in '71.*

# DALLAS COWBOYS



*Craig Morton in action in 1972  
... a year in which he got Cowboys  
into playoffs after injury to Roger  
Staubach.*

■ It's something of an awkward position when your plan is to come back and you really haven't been away. But the Dallas Cowboy's level of excellence over the past seven seasons has placed the club in precisely that position.

NFC titlist in 1970 and 1971 and the World Champions in 1972, the Cowboys bowed out in the NFC Championship Game with Washington last New Year's Eve. So, despite a most respectable record of 10-4, it was no cigar as far as the Cowboys were concerned.

They aim to correct that in 1973, the club's 14th year in the National Football League. In the last seven of those years since the expansion Cowboys turned the corner, the club has compiled a 73-23-2 record, the best in the NFL.

And even more impressive is the NFL record the club holds for consecutive times in the playoffs ... seven.

"The Cowboys," says Coach Tom Landry, "are basically the same team that won the Super Bowl two years ago. I still feel that we possess the talent. I just don't feel that we are an old team as yet.

"I think we will bounce back this year, even though we actually had a good year in 1972 to go to the NFC Championship Game.

"I never felt we played as well as we could during 1972. Basically, coming off the Super Bowl year we simply didn't seem to have the winning edge. You must develop a winning edge to go all the way and we were never able to establish it."

With such key people as Bob Lilly, Mel Renfro and Ralph Neeley, all of whom suffered various hurts in 1972 fully recovered and a couple of interesting off-season trades, the Cowboys should be heard from again in 1973. The Redskins are well aware of this fact, and so is the rest of the NFL as a matter of fact. Tough veteran teams with playoff experience are very difficult to look past ... and the Cowboys still have two quarterbacks who can be No. 1, a nice combination, to be sure. ●

# Dallas Veteran Roster

						Pro											Pro							
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	
26	Adderley, H.	CB	6-1	200	34	13	74	Lilly, B.	DT	6-5	260	34	13	51	Manders, D.	C	6-2	250	32	9				
19	Alworth, L.	WR	6-0	180	33	12	23	Montgomery, M.	RB	6-2	210	24	3	14	Morton, C.	QB	6-4	214	30	9				
53	Babinecz, J.	LB	6-1	222	23	2	73	Neely, R.	T	6-6	265	29	9	44	Newhouse, R.	RB	5-10	202	23	2				
31	Barnes, B.	CB	6-1	190	22	2	76	Niland, J.	G	6-3	245	29	8	61	Nye, B.	G	6-4	251	27	6				
81	Bateman, M.	P	6-4	213	23	2	75	Pugh, J.	DT	6-6	260	29	9	20	Renfro, M.	CB	6-0	190	31	10				
63	Cole, L.	DE	6-4	250	27	6	12	Staubach, R.	QB	6-3	197	31	5	82	Stowe, O.	WR	6-2	188	24	3				
86	Coleman, R.	LB	6-4	216	23	2	72	Talbert, D.	T	6-5	255	32	9	27	Thomas, B.	RB	6-2	225	23	2				
18	Concannon, J.	QB	6-3	200	30	9	67	Toomay, P.	DE	6-5	247	25	4	71	Wallace, R.	G	6-5	225	24	3				
52	Edwards, D.	LB	6-1	225	33	11	87	Truax, B.	TE	6-5	240	30	10	46	Washington, M.	CB	5-10	188	25	4				
62	Fitzgerald, J.	C-G	6-5	250	25	3	41	Waters, C.	CB	6-1	193	24	4	70	Wright, R.	T	6-6	255	28	7				
15	Fritsch, T.	K	5-7	185	28	3																		
84	Fugett, J.	TE	6-3	219	21	2																		
32	Garrison, W.	RB	6-0	205	29	8																		
34	Green, C.	S	6-3	208	33	12																		
77	Gregory, B.	DT	6-5	255	23	3																		
43	Harris, C.	S	6-0	184	24	4																		
22	Hayes, B.	WR	5-11	185	30	9																		
35	Hill, C.	RB	6-4	227	26	5																		
55	Jordan, L.	LB	6-1	221	32	11																		
57	Keller, M.	LB	6-4	221	22	2																		
50	Lewis, D. D.	LB	6-1	225	27	5																		

## Dallas Schedule

September 16	.....at Chicago	.....1:00 p.m.
September 24	.....NEW ORLEANS (Mon.)	.....8:00 p.m.
September 30	.....ST. LOUIS	.....1:00 p.m.
October 8	.....at Washington (Mon.)	.....9:00 p.m.
October 14	.....at Los Angeles	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....NEW YORK GIANTS	.....3:00 p.m.
October 28	.....at Philadelphia	.....1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....CINCINNATI	.....1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....at New York Giants	.....1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....PHILADELPHIA	.....1:00 p.m.
November 22	.....MIAMI (Thanks.)	.....2:30 p.m.
December 2	.....at Denver	.....2:00 p.m.
December 9	.....WASHINGTON	.....3:00 p.m.
December 16	.....at St. Louis	.....1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# Dallas Key Players



**DAVE EDWARDS, LB, 6-1, 225, 11th Yr., Age 33, Auburn**  
Veteran outside linebacker does solid job year in, and year out for the Cowboys, seldom gets the recognition he deserves. Very strong against the run and an aggressive hitter, he is also very capable on his pass coverages.

**TONI FRITSCH, Kicker, 5-7, 185, 3rd Yr., Age 28 No College**  
Austrian kicking specialist has been strong and dependable since displacing Mike Clark two years ago. This past season he hit 36-of-36 conversions and 21 field goals in 36 attempts including a 54-yarder against the Giants. Had 99 points.



**WALT GARRISON, RB, 6-0, 205, 8th Yr., Age 29, Oklahoma St.**  
The rodeo rider continues to be one of the toughest all-around running backs in the game today. Runs with great balance, has toughness to go with it. Had 784 yards rushing for a 4.7 average, caught 37 passes, scored 10 TDs.

**CALVIN HILL, RB, 6-4, 227, 5th Yr., Age 26, Yale**  
Big, versatile running back became Cowboys' first 1,000-yard rusher in 1972, ripping off 1,036 and a 4.2 average. Also was leading pass receiver with 43 receptions for another 364 yards, scored nine touchdowns overall.



**LEE ROY JORDAN, LB, 6-1, 220, 11th Yr., Age 32, Alabama**  
Not the biggest MLB in the business, but he continues to be one of the toughest and smartest in the NFL. Solid veteran who makes few mistakes, if any. Fills hole as quickly as anyone. Two interceptions in 1972.

**BOB LILLY, DT, 6-5, 260, 13th Yr., Age 34, T.C.U.**  
Hampered by nagging injuries in 1972, he nonetheless continued to do his usual outstanding All-Pro job. Has been an All-Pro seven times and been in 10 Pro Bowls. Big, strong and far ranging, he is simply an outstanding defensive player.



**CRAIG MORTON, QB, 6-4, 215, 9th Yr., Age 30, California**  
Took over the reins of the club when Roger Staubach was injured in pre-season and led the Cowboys to a seventh straight playoff appearance. Had 185 completions for 2,396 yards and fired 15 TD passes. Big, strong and has that rifle arm.

**JOHN NILAND, Guard, 6-3, 245, 8th Yr., Age 29, Iowa**  
Cowboy coaching staff rates their guards as the best tandem in the NFL, and they could be right. Niland is quick, agile and solid hitter who teams with Nye to give Dallas outstanding talent in the middle of that line.





**BLAINE NYE, Guard, 6-4, 250, 6th Yr., Age 27, Stanford**

The other half of the tandem ... he's bigger and perhaps stronger and a little younger. Outstanding pass blocker who can also fire out and lead the Cowboy sweeps and counters. Has makings of All-Pro.



**JETHRO PUGH, DT, 6-6, 260, 9th Yr., Age 29, Elizabeth St.**

Usually overlooked because of Mr. Lilly playing next to him, but does the job with great strength, purpose. Had a truly fine year in 1972 as he continued to mature and was the solid man all season long. No. 11 draft choice in '65.



**MEL RENFRO, DB, 6-0, 190, 10th Yr., Age 31, Oregon**

Played throughout season with injured foot which slowed him down, obviously. Yet he continued to play hard and with gusto in the style that made him an All-Pro four times. Recovered now, he should have top season again.



**ROGER STAUBACH, QB, 6-3, 197, 5th Yr., Age 31, Navy**

Knocked out of action in the pre-season with an injury, he saw little playing time in regular season, although he came back in the playoffs to ignite winning rally against 49ers. Has to battle it out for No. 1 again with Morton.



**RAYFIELD WRIGHT, Tackle, 6-6, 255, 7th Yr., Age 28, Ft. Valley St.**

Made most of the All-NFL teams ... and with good reason. Big, strong, agile and far ranging, he is the ideal offensive tackle who blends his talents perfectly as pass blocker and in the running game. Premier player.



## **Tom Landry** **Head Coach**

Only head coach Dallas has had in its 13 years, Landry has a regular season record of 98-76-6. Led Cowboys to their first Super Bowl title in 1972 as Dallas won the Eastern Division with a 11-3 mark. Lost to Baltimore 16-13 in Super Bowl V on a field goal with five seconds remaining. In

1966, Dallas finished 10-3-1 and lost to Green Bay 34-27 for NFL title. In '67, Dallas was 9-5, defeated Cleveland 52-14 in Eastern Conference Championship Game and again lost NFL title to Green Bay 21-17 on touchdown with 13 seconds left. Cowboys posted 12-2 record in '68 and 11-2-1 record in '69, but lost to Cleveland in consecutive Eastern title games. Joined New York Yankees of All America Conference in 1949. Joined New York Giants in 1950 as defensive back. Player through 1953 before assuming player-coach role in 1954-'55. Remained as assistant coach through 1959.



# Dallas 1972 Club Leaders

## RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Hill .....	245	1036	4.2	26	6
Garrison ....	167	784	4.7	41	7
Newhouse ...	28	116	4.1	19	1
Montgomery ..	35	81	2.3	10	1
Staubach ....	7	45	7.5	20	0
Morton .....	8	26	3.3	12t	2

Jordan .....	2	18	9.0	12	0
Green .....	2	1	0.5	1	0

## KICKOFF RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Harris .....	26	615	23.7	44	0
Newhouse .....	18	382	21.2	30	0

## PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.
Morton .....	339	185	54.6	2396	15	21
Staubach .....	20	9	45.0	98	0	2
Hill .....	3	1	33.3	55	1	0
Montgomery ..	3	1	33.3	31	0	0

## PUNT RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Harris .....	19	78	4.1	21	0
Waters .....	9	56	6.2	17	0

## PASS REC.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Hill .....	43	364	8.5	33	3
Garrison ....	37	390	10.5	26	3
Sellers .....	31	653	21.1	55	5
Parks .....	18	298	16.6	38	1
Ditka .....	17	198	11.6	26	1
Hayes .....	15	200	13.3	29	0
Alworth .....	15	195	13.0	30	2

## PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg.
Bateman ....	51	1949	38.2	61

## SCORING

	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts.
Fritsch .....	0	0	0	36	21	99
Garrison .....	7	3	10	0	0	60
Hill .....	6	3	9	0	0	54
Sellers .....	0	5	5	0	0	30
Montgomery ..	1	1*	3	0	0	18
Alworth .....	0	2	2	0	0	12
Morton .....	2	0	2	0	0	12

\*Scored one TD on return

## INTER-

## CEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Waters .....	6	132	22.0	56	1
Harris .....	3	40	13.3	23	0

# Dallas All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Don Perkins, with 1,500 carries for 6,217 yards and 42 TDs (1961-'68)

## PASSING

Don Meredith, with 1,170 completions in 2,308 attempts for 17,199 yards and 135 TDs (1960-'68)

## PASS RECEIVING

Bob Hayes, with 336 catches for 6,817 yards and 67 TDs (1965-'72)

## INTERCEPTIONS

Mel Renfro, with 40. (1964-'72)

## SCORING

Bob Hayes, with 432 points (1965-'72)



*Roger Staubach got back into action late in the season, and here he is in playoff action against the 49ers.*

# DETROIT LIONS



*Chuck Walton leads the way as speedster Allie Taylor sweeps against the Packers.*

■ The Detroit Lions have managed to come up with winning seasons the last couple of years, have had some strong clubs, yet have missed making the playoffs ... mostly because they're a member of the renowned "Black and Blue Division" of the NFC with Minnesota, Green Bay and Chicago.

Now there's a new head coach

on the scene in Big Don McCafferty who led the Baltimore Colts to the Super Bowl title in 1971, only to get dumped when the Colts changed ownership. Can McCafferty get the Lions on the right track? The club was 8-5-1 last year, but lost twice to both Green Bay and Minnesota, and that was a death knell insofar as playoff hopes were concerned.

Detroit plays tough football and always has. And they've got a pretty solid group of veteran players like All-Pro Lem Barney, a premier tight end in Charlie Sanders, a 1,000-yard rusher like Steve Owens and a linebacker named Mike Lucci who is as good as any middle linebacker around.

The Lions also feel pretty good about their draft, particularly top choice Ernie Price, a 6-5, 260-pound defensive tackle who should add some muscle to their front four.

Defense used to be a Detroit trademark. It has slipped a bit in recent years, but can return to its former prowess at any given time. 1973 could well be the time for the Lions to turn the tables on the Packers and Vikings in that rugged Central Division.

There have been a lot of famous names who played for Detroit over the years, including departed coach Joe Schmidt (the first or the really outstanding middle linebackers) Doak Walker, Bobby Lane and Leon Hart.

Every team has its era. The Lions are hoping that McCafferty will be able to come up with the right mixture and get the Motor City team motoring again. ●

# Detroit Veteran Roster

Pro						Pro							
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.		
86	Barnes, A.	WR	6-1	170	24	3	58	Ogle, R.	LB	6-3	230	24	3
20	Barney, L.	CB	6-0	188	27	7	80	Orvis, H.	DE	6-5	240	26	2
73	Bell, B.	DT	6-4	250	25	3	36	Owens, S.	RB	6-2	215	25	4
48	Campbell, S.	RB	5-11	195	25	3	27	Potts, C.	S	6-3	210	24	2
17	Cappleman, B.	QB	6-3	210	26	2	67	Rasley, R.	G	6-3	250	26	4
40	Eddy, N.	RB	6-1	210	29	5	47	Rasmussen, W.	S	6-2	180	31	10
24	Farr, M.	RB	6-2	210	28	7	46	Redmond, R.	CB	6-1	195	28	5
54	Flanagan, E.	C	6-3	245	29	9	88	Sanders, C.	TE	6-4	225	27	6
76	Freitas, R.	T	6-6	270	27	6	82	Sanders, K.	DE	6-5	225	23	2
68	Gallagher, F.	G	6-2	245	30	7	84	Schmiesing, J.	DT	6-4	245	28	6
77	Gordon, J.	DT	6-6	260	25	2	71	Tatarek, B.	DT	6-4	270	27	6
58	Hamlin, G.	C	6-3	240	27	4	42	Taylor, A.	RB	5-10	200	25	5
74	Hand, L.	DE	6-4	250	33	9	65	Thompson, D.	C-G	6-4	260	24	3
81	Hilton, J.	TE	6-5	225	31	9	21	Thrower, J.	CB	6-2	195	25	3
31	Jenkins, L.	S	5-11	165	23	2	38	Triplett, B.	RB	6-2	215	33	11
89	Jessie, R.	WR	6-0	183	25	3	55	Walker, W.	LB	6-2	228	35	16
64	Jolley, G.	T	6-5	230	24	2	63	Walton, C.	G	6-3	255	32	7
66	Kowalkowski, B.	G	6-3	240	29	8	49	Walton, L.	WR	6-0	180	26	5
11	Landry, G.	QB	6-4	210	26	6	59	Weaver, C.	LB	6-2	218	24	3
53	Lucci, M.	LB	6-2	230	33	12	18	Weaver, H.	P	6-4	210	24	4
12	Mann, E.	K	6-0	200	32	6	28	Weger, M.	S	6-2	200	27	7
25	McCullouch, E.	WR	5-11	175	27	6	70	Woods, L.	DT	6-6	260	25	3
83	Mitchell, J.	DE	6-3	245	24	4	75	Yarbrough, J.	T	6-5	265	26	5
62	Mooney, E.	LB	6-2	225	28	5	51	Young, A.	LB	6-1	230	27	6
19	Munson, B.	QB	6-2	210	32	10	34	Zolko, M.	RB	6-3	195	24	3
50	Naumoff, P.	LB	6-1	215	28	7							

## Detroit Schedule

September 16	.....at Pittsburgh	.....4:00 p.m.
September 23	.....at Green Bay	.....1:00 p.m.
October 1	.....ATLANTA (Mon.)	.....9:00 p.m.
October 7	.....MINNESOTA	.....4:00 p.m.
October 14	.....at New Orleans	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....BALTIMORE	.....1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....GREEN BAY	.....1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....SAN FRANCISCO	.....4:00 p.m.
November 11	.....at Minnesota	.....1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....at Chicago	.....1:00 p.m.
November 22	.....WASHINGTON (THANKS.)	.....12:15 p.m.
December 2	.....at St. Louis	.....1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....CHICAGO	.....1:00 p.m.
December 15	.....at Miami (Sat.)	.....1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local Daylight or Standard)

# Detroit Key Players



**LEM BARNEY:** DB, 6-0, 188, 28, 7th year, Jackson State  
Led team in interceptions again last year to give him total of 38 in career, good for fourth place on Lions' all-time list. Failed to score TD in '72 for first time in career, but has ten regular season TDs. Has accounted for over 3,000 yards as a ball-handler.

**ED FLANAGAN:** Center, 6-3, 245, 29, 9th year, Purdue  
Played 100th game as a Lion last year, to become only 16th player in Detroit history to do so. Offensive captain and leader of squad, both on field and off. Reliable performer who has never missed a game in his NFL career. Lions' player representative.



**ROCKNE FREITAS:** Tackle, 6-6, 270, 28, 8th year, Oregon State  
One of Lions' pair of gigantic offensive tackles (Jim Yarbrough is the other). Voted to Pro Bowl after 1972 season. Quiet giant who does his job on the field. Native of Hawaii where he lives and works in the off-season.

**LARRY HAND:** DE, 6-4, 250, 33, 9th year, Appalachian State  
Voted Lions' Most Valuable Player on defense last season. Has missed only 13 games with knee injury while playing exactly 99 games. Will be 18th man in Detroit history to pass 100-game mark this year. Team's leader on defensive line where he is double-teamed.



**GREG LANDRY:** QB, 6-4, 210, 26, 6th year, Massachusetts  
Set Lions' team mark in 1972 when he completed second straight season of starting every game at quarterback. Is moving up on all team QB lists for career. Needs but seven TD passes to rank second only to Bobby Layne. Scored nine TDs himself last year.

**MIKE LUCCI:** MLB, 6-2, 230, 32, 12th year, Tennessee  
Lions' leader on defense in key position of "defensive quarterback". Defensive captain as well and acknowledged leader of entire squad. Missed Pro Bowl last year and team MVP honors after three straight such nominations. Outstanding competitive spirit and determination.



**JIM MITCHELL:** DE, 6-3, 245, 24, 4th year, Virginia State  
Started all 14 games at left defensive end in third season. Showed great mobility and effort. Excellent lateral speed and always in on tackle. Got hands on football last season for first time made interception against Chargers.

**PAUL NAUMOFF:** LB, 6-1, 215, 28, 7th year, Tennessee  
Continues to hold down outside linebacker job and do good job despite 'small' size. Makes up for it with great desire, speed, mobility and aggressiveness. Led LB corps in minutes-played in 1971 with just under 400. Excellent tackler.





**STEVE OWENS: RB, 6-2, 215, 25, 4th year, Oklahoma**  
Missed four games with assorted injuries last year, but still gained over 500 yards to rank third on team. Aiming to get back to 1971 form when he became first Lion runner to pass 1,000 mark in yards rushed. Establishing himself in NFL.

**CHARLIE SANDERS: TE, 6-4, 230, 26, 6th year, Minnesota**  
Sidelined for first five games in 1972 with separated shoulder, suffered in pre-season game. Still managed to rank second on team in receiving with 27 catches. His 180 career receptions are fourth on Lions' all-time list. League's solid tight end also excels at blocking.



**ALTIE TAYLOR: RB, 5-10, 200, 25, 5th year, Utah State**  
Led Lions in ground-gaining last season for first time. Totaled 658 yards and had best career average of 4.3. Also topped team in catches with 29. Great speed and moves which make him outstanding outside threat. Good 1-2-3 combo with Owens and Landry.

**MIKE WEGER: Safety, 6-2, 200, 27, 7th year, Bowling Green**  
Holds down left safety spot in fine style. Has started all games for last two seasons. Combines with Barney and Naumoff on left side on Lions' defense. Second only to Barney in minutes played in '72. Former track man who uses fine speed to "get around".



**JIM YARBROUGH: Tackle, 6-6, 270, 26, 5th year, Florida**  
Pairs with Rocky Freltas to give Lions' huge set of giant offensive tackles. Just starting to come into own in NFL, after playing tight end in college. Good mobility for big man. Has it all to make it big: size, speed, strength, and determination.



## **Don McCafferty** *Head Coach*

The new man in Detroit is Don McCafferty, a "rookie" coach with the Lions, but the man who took the Baltimore Colts to the Super Bowl and a 16-13 victory over Dallas in 1971. McCafferty had led the Colts to an 11-2-1 record in 1970 to get them into that Super Bowl, and now hopes to bring that kind of success to Detroit where he replaces the departed Joe Schmidt. McCafferty has a distinguished background in football. He was a star as an end for Ohio State where he played with the 1942 National championship team after serving in the Army, he returned for a final season with the Buckeyes after World War II. McCafferty played with the New York Giants in 1946 as an end, then went into the coaching business, first at Kent State as an assistant from 1949-58, and then with the Colts where he served under Weeb Ewbank starting in 1959. Don remained with the Colts when Don Shula became head man from 1963-69, and was then named to replace Shula. His pro coaching record as a head coach is 26-11-2. McCafferty is 51, a native of Cleveland and right now, his major aim is to get the Detroit Lions to Houston for the next Super Bowl battle.

# Detroit 1972 Club Leaders

<b>RUSHING</b>	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	<b>KICKOFF RET.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Taylor .....	154	658	4.3	38	4	Jessie .....	23	558	24.3	62	0
Landry .....	81	524	6.5	38	9	Zofko .....	26	616	23.7	49	0
Owens .....	143	519	3.6	18	4						
Farr .....	62	216	3.5	22	3						

<b>PASSING</b>	ATT.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.	<b>PUNT RET.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Landry	268	134	50.02	066	18	17	Barney .....	15	108	7.2	26	0
Munson	35	20	57.1	194	1	1						

<b>PASS REC.</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	<b>PUNTING</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Taylor .....	29	250	8.6	40t	2	H. Weaver ...	43	1734	40.3	55
Sanders .....	27	416	15.4	38	2					
Walton .....	24	485	20.3	48t	6					
Jessie .....	24	424	17.7	92t	4					
Owens .....	15	100	6.7	15	0					
Farr .....	10	132	13.2	42	0					

<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	<b>SCORING</b>	TD	RT	DP	TDs	PAT	FG	PTS.
Barney .....	3	88	29.3	64	0	Mann	0	0	0	38	20	98	
Redmond .....	2	91	45.5	88t	1	Landry	9	0	9	0	0	54	
Rasmussen .....	2	1	0.5	1	0	Taylor	4	2	6	0	0	36	
Lucci .....	2	0	0.0	0	0	Walton	0	6	6	0	0	36	
						Owens	4	0	4	0	0	24	
						Jessie	0	4	4	0	0	24	
						Farr	3	0	3	0	0	18	
						Sanders	0	2	2	0	0	12	

# Detroit All-Time Club Leaders

**RUSHING**  
Nick Pietrosante, with 938 carries for 3,933 yards. (1959-'65)

**PASSING**  
Bobby Layne, with 1,074 completions in 2,193 attempts for 15,710 yards and 118 TDs. (1950-'58)

**PASS RECEIVING**  
Gail Cogdill, with 325 receptions for 5,220 yards. (1960-'68)

**INTERCEPTIONS**  
Dick LeBeau, with 62 (1959-'72)  
Yale Lary, with 50. (1952-'53, '56-'64)  
Jack Christiansen with 46. (1951-'58)

**SCORING**  
Doak Walker, with 534 points (1950-'55)  
Errol Mann, with 403 points (1969-'72)  
Wayne Walker, with 345 points. (1958-'68)



*Greg Landry hands the ball to Steve Owens . . . and that usually means trouble  
for the other team.*



# GREEN BAY PACKERS



*All-Pro star John Brockington has the handoff from Scott Hunter.*

■ For a couple of years after the departure of Vince Lombardi from Green Bay, the battle cry seemed to be, "The Pack Will Be Back". Alas, it was not to be for those several years.

Enter Dan Devine as head coach of the Packers, and after a 4-8-2 first effort, the Pack Got Back—with gusto—in 1972, storming to a 10-4 record and winning the Central Division title in the NFC, considered by most observers to be the toughest division in the NFL.

The return to glory was accomplished by a revitalized defense, and a rushing attack

which was the equal of any in the league, including that of the Miami Dolphins. The Packers didn't throw the ball very much ... because they didn't have to throw it very much. Instead, they worked with their big tough running backs John Brockington and MacArthur Lane and rammed the ball at people, much in the manner of the days of the Lombardi sweep with Jim Taylor and Paul Hornung carrying. The results are evident, not only in the standings and a division crown, but by Brockington's 1,027 yards rushing and 821 more added by Lane.

A young, tough defense didn't hurt either. A splendid rookie cornerback Willie Buchanon turned out to be a Rookie of the Year and other young players on the defense also produced. The Packer secondary was one of the hardest to throw against, and the hitting of the front four and linebackers was remarkably like the good old title days.

Within their own division, the Packers were 5-1, and that's the only way to do it in the Central Division.

Despite a tough loss to the Redskins in the NFC playoffs, it would appear that Green Bay will be a name to be reckoned with again for the next coming seasons.

There are a lot of new names now, but Brockington, Lane, Buchanon and the like may get their names up into a position once reserved in "Title Town" for people like Hornung, Taylor, Starr, Nitschke, Dowler and the rest. No matter what, the Pack indeed seems to be back. •

# Green Bay Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	Pro	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	Pro
57	Bowman, K.	C	6-3	230	30	10		40	Kopay, D.	RB	6-0	218	31	10	
42	Brockington, J.	RB	6-1	225	25	3		30	Krause, L.	RB	6-0	208	25	3	
	Brown, A.	DE	6-5	255	29	7		44	Kroll, B.	S	6-1	195	23	2	
78	Brown, B.	DT	6-5	260	33	8		36	Lane, M.	RB	6-1	220	29	6	
28	Buchanan, W.	CB	6-0	190	23	2		62	Lueck, B.	G	6-4	235	27	6	
53	Carr, F.	LB	6-5	238	27	6		13	Marcol, C.	K	6-0	190	24	2	
50	Carter, J.	LB	6-3	235	25	4		29	Matthews, A.	S	5-11	190	25	4	
	Christiansen, B.	TE	6-4	230	24	2		76	McCoy, M.	DT	6-5	284	24	4	
84	Dale, C.	WR	6-2	200	35	14		81	McGeorge, R.	TE	6-4	235	24	4	
47	Davis, D.	WR	6-0	175	25	3		66	Nitschke, R.	LB	6-3	235	36	16	
48	Ellis, K.	CB	5-10	190	25	4			Oats, C.	DT	6-3	260	30	9	
	Enyart, B.	LB	6-4	235	26	4		10	Patrick, F.	QB	6-7	225	26	4	
88	Garrett, L.	TE	6-3	230	25	3		75	Pureifory, D.	DE	6-1	260	23	2	
41	Gibson, P.	S	6-2	195	25	2		87	Roche, A.	DE	6-4	255	28	4	
68	Gillingham, G.	G	6-3	255	29	8		67	Snider, M.	G	6-4	251	26	5	
46	Glass, L.	WR	6-0	185	23	2		22	Staggers, J.	WR	5-10	180	24	4	
21	Hall, C.	CB	6-1	195	25	3		17	Tagge, J.	QB	6-2	220	23	2	
77	Hayhoe, B.	T	6-8	258	27	5		37	Thomas, I.	CB	6-2	193	25	3	
51	Hefner, L.	LB	6-2	215	24	2		26	Walsh, W.	RB	6-0	208	23	3	
39	Hill, J.	S	6-2	190	26	5		20	Widby, R.	P	6-4	210	28	6	
72	Himes, D.	T	6-4	244	27	6		83	Williams, C.	DE	6-5	255	26	4	
23	Hudson, B.	RB	5-11	210	25	2		31	Williams, P.	RB	6-2	219	26	5	
64	Hunt, K.	T	6-5	260	25	2		58	Withrow, C.	C	6-0	240	28	4	
16	Hunter, S.	QB	6-2	205	24	3		65	Wortman, K.	G	6-2	245	23	2	

## Green Bay Schedule

September 17	.....N.Y. JETS (Mil) Mon.)	8:00
September 23	.....DETROIT	1:00
September 30	.....at Minnesota	1:00
October 7	.....at New York Giants	1:00
October 14	.....KANSAS CITY (Mil)	1:00
October 21	.....at Los Angeles	1:00
October 28	.....at Detroit	1:00
November 4	.....CHICAGO	1:00
November 11	.....ST. LOUIS	1:00
November 18	.....at New England	1:00
November 26	.....at San Francisco (Mon)	6:00
December 2	.....NEW ORLEANS (Mil)	1:00
December 8	.....MINNESOTA (SAT.)	12:00
December 16	.....at Chicago	1:00

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# Green Bay Key Players



**JOHN BROCKINGTON, RB, 6-1, 225, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Ohio State**  
He's only been in the NFL two years and is already a terror. All-NFL last year, he's had two back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons. Won rushing title his rookie season and seems to get better. How much better can he get?

**BOB BROWN, DT, 6-5, 260, 8th Yr., Age 33, Arkansas AM&N**  
Signed as a free agent in 1966 playing in the Canadian League, he's been a fine acquisition. Has played both at DE and DT and done well at either spot. Powerful man, he's equally as tough on the run as he is on hounding the passer.



**WILLIE BUCHANON, DB, 6-0, 190, 2d Yr., Age 23, San Diego State**  
Rookie of the Year after being a top draft choice, he is one of few cornerbacks make it so big in their rookie seasons. Dedicated, he proved to be sure tackler, and his coverage was outstanding. Had four interceptions for 62 yards returned.

**JIM CARTER, LB, 6-3, 235, 4th Yr., Age 25, Minnesota**  
Took over as starting MLB for veteran Ray Nitschke two years ago and has done an outstanding job leading Packer defense to return to its former top status. Tough hitter, far ranging, he has outstanding future with the Pack.



**CARROLL DALE, WR, 6-2, 200, 14th Yr., Age 35, Virginia Tech**  
The man continues to be a solid player after all these years. Caught only 16 passes last year as Pack concentrated on the running game, but his career totals now show 425 catches for a total of 52 touchdowns. Crafty, seems to always get open.

**KEN ELLIS, DB, 5-10, 190, 4th Yr., Age 25, Southern U.**  
Has been the leading interceptor for past two years with the Packers, swiping six in 1971 and four last season. His return yardage was 106 in '72, including one for a TD and in '71 he raced a missed FG back 100 yards for a TD.



**GALE GILLINGHAM, Guard, 6-3, 255, 8th Yr., Age 29, Minnesota**  
Injuries slowed him down in '72 after he had moved to a defensive tackle slot early in the year to help fill a gap. That tells you something about his versatility. Back at guard now where he's been an All-NFL choice. Top player.

**DICK HIMES, Tackle, 6-4, 245, 6th Yr., Age 27, Ohio State**  
No. 3 draft choice in 1968, worked hard until winning starting job in 1970 and has been a fixture at right tackle ever since. Played every game for past two seasons, considered one of the most improved players on squad. Strong and very aggressive.





**SCOTT HUNTER, QB, 6-2, 205, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Alabama**  
Packers weren't much of a passing team in 1972, but Hunter did fine job when running the ball club. Throws very well, has good size, fine arm. Had 87 completions in 1972 for 1,252 yards and six TDs. All he needs is experience.

**MacARTHUR LANE, RB, 6-1, 220, 6th Yr., Age 30, Utah State**  
Added that big punch to Pack running attack after coming from Cardinals in trade for Donny Anderson. Big, tough runner had 821 yards to compliment Brockington's running. Also led club with 26 receptions for 285 yards. Fine blocker too.

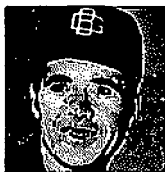


**CHESTER MARCOL, Kicker, 6-0, 190, 2d Yr., Age 24, Hillsdale**  
Packers had had problems in kicking department for past couple of years until they got Marcol. Chester produced like a champion, winning NFL scoring title with 128 points!! He connected on 33 of 48 field goals, another NFL high.

**MIKE MCCOY, DT, 6-5, 285, 4th Yr., Age 25, Notre Dame**  
Big and powerful, he gets better all the time, and has surprising mobility for man his size. Combination of speed and strength is ideal against the run and on the pass rush ... and the Packer coaches cherish him.



**RICH McGEORGE, TE, 6-4, 235, 4th Yr., Age 25, Elon**  
In the Packer scheme of things, their tight end has to be a booming blocker, and Rich fills the bill admirably. No. 1 draft choice, he had 27 catches for 463 yards in 1971. Stats dropped last year, but he had two TDs.



## **Dan Devine** **Head Coach**

Named head coach and general manager of the Packers on January 14, 1971. A stern disciplinarian with 23 years of successful coaching experience, he had been head coach and athletic director at the University of Missouri for the previous 13 years where his teams had compiled a 93-37-7 record and played in six major bowl games. He holds to the no-nonsense approach in coaching and has long stressed fundamentals and strict conditioning. Devine believes in "owning the fourth quarter," and won the Division title with that theory. As a collegian, he was captain and quarterback at the University of Minnesota (Duluth branch) where he also played baseball. Had two-plus years in the Army Air Force and in 1948 began his coaching career at East Jordan High School in Michigan where he had undefeated teams for two years. Moved on to Michigan State as an assistant in 1950, remaining there through 1954 when he was named head coach at Arizona State for the 1955 season.

# Green Bay 1972 Club Leaders

RUSHING	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TDS	KICKOFF RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Brockington .	274	1027	3.7	30	8	Thomas .....	21	572	27.2	89	0
Lane .....	177	821	4.6	41	3	Staggers .....	11	260	23.6	39	0
Williams .....	33	139	4.2	14	0	Hudson .....	11	247	22.5	55	0
Hunter .....	22	37	1.7	12	5						
Hudson .....	14	59	4.2	17	0						
Kopay .....	10	39	3.9	20	0						

PASSING	ATT.	COMP.	PCT.	YDS.	TDS	INT	PUNT RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Hunter	199	87	43.7	1,252	6	9	Ellis .....	14	215	15.4	80	1
Tagge	29	34.5	154	0	0		Staggers .....	9	148	16.4	85	1

PASS REC.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG	TDS	PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LONG
Lane .....	26	285	11.0	49	0	Widby .....	65	2714	41.8	64
Brockington .	19	243	12.8	48	1					
Dale .....	16	311	21.5	48	1					
Glass .....	15	261	17.4	31	1					
Staggers ....	8	123	16.3	48	1					

INTERCEP- TIONS.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDS	Marcol	0	0	0	29	33	128
						Brockington	8	1	9	0	0	54
Ellis .....	4	106	26.5	40	1	Hunter	5	0	5	0	0	54
Buchanan .....	4	62	15.5	26	0	Lane	3	0	3	0	0	30
Hill .....	4	37	9.3	21	0	McGeorge	0	2	2	0	0	18
Robinson .....	2	10	5.0	7	0	Ellis	0	0	2	0	0	12
Matthews .....	2	8	4.0	8	0	Staggers	0	1	2	0	0	12

# Green Bay All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Jim Taylor, with 1,811 carries for 8,207 yards (1958-'66)  
 Tony Canadeo, with 1,025 carries for 4,197 yards (1941-'44, '46-'52)  
 Clarke Hinkle, with 1,180 carries for 3,877 yards (1932-'41)

## PASSING

Bart Starr, with 1,808 completions in 3,149 attempts for 24,718 yards and 152 TDs (1956-'71)  
 Tobin Rote, with 826 completions in 1,854 attempts for 11,535 yards and 89 TDs (1950-'56)

## PASS RECEIVING

Don Hutson, with 489 receptions for 8,010 yards and 101 TDs (1935-'45)  
 Boyd Dowler, with 448 receptions for 6,918 yards and 40 TDs (1959-'69)  
 Max McGee, with 345 receptions for 6,443 yards and 51 TDs (1954, '57-'67)

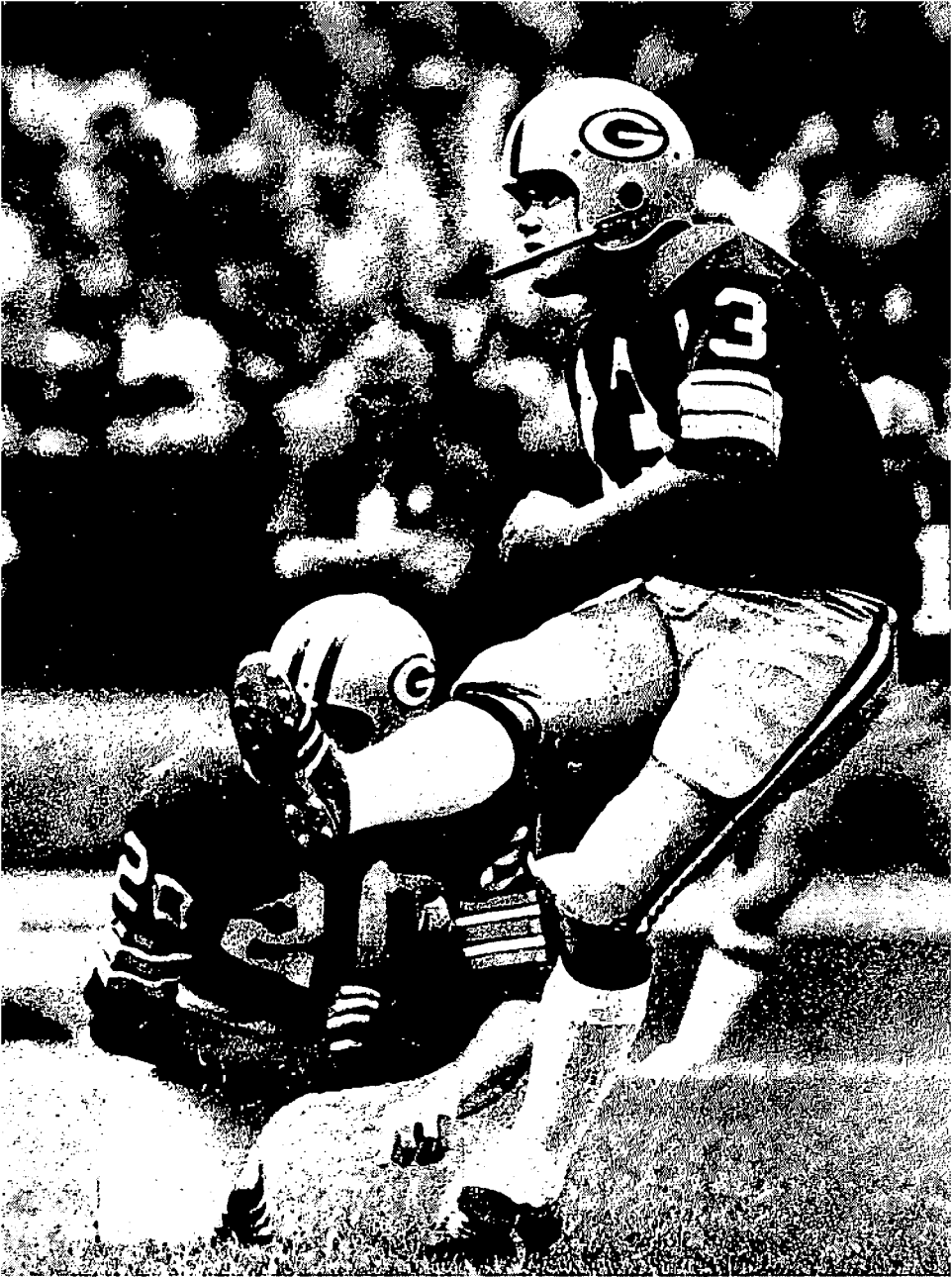
## INTERCEPTIONS

Bob Dillon, with 52 (1952-'59)

## SCORING

Don Hutson, with 823 points (1935-'45)  
 Paul Hornung, with 760 points (1957-'62, '64-'66)  
 Jim Taylor, with 546 points (1958-'66)

\*Includes one TD on return



*Rookie Chester Marcol put punch back into the Pack attack, leading NFL in scoring in 1972.*

# LOS ANGELES RAMS



*Tight end Bob Klein became a receiving threat as well as outstanding blocker during 1972 campaign.*

■ After being a contender in 1971 throughout the season, the Los Angeles Rams fell on some hard times last year, dropped to a 6-7-1 final reading and replaced head coach Tommy Prothro who had utilized some novel, often refreshing concepts such as punting on third down and running a relaxed atmosphere around his ball club.

Whether that had anything to do with the relative downfall of the club is mere conjecture since things seemed to work pretty good for Prothro in 1971 with the same concepts.

At any rate, there's a new coach on hand for 1973 in Chuck Knox, a former assistant coach with the Detroit Lions and New

York Jets and Ram buffs are hoping that Knox can produce a winning year and challenge for division honors.

Actually, the Rams had a good start in 1972 with a 4-1-1 mark, then staggered around a bit. Quarterback Roman Gabriel was suffering from a sore arm and in the off-season from a sore head after L.A. traded for San Diego's John Hadl. Hadl brings an experienced and talented arm with him to Los Angeles, and maybe he can work the kind of magic that Knox, Carroll Rosenbloom and the Los Angeles aficionados all desire.

The Rams also produced some pretty good looking rookies in 1972, such as Jim Bertelsen, who rushed for 581 yards during the second half of the season and there are some other people still on the club who are All-Pros. People like Merlin Olsen, guard Tom Mack and wide receiver Dick Gordon who was dynamite with the Bears for a couple of years. Gordon played out his option in Chicago, was picked up by the Rams but suffered from hamstring pulls and busted ribs and got very little playing time.

If he's okay this year, then the Rams should have a pretty good attack since they also have Jack Snow to catch the ball too, and Willie Ellison to run it along with Bertelsen.

All in all, the Rams must be considered a challenger in the NFC's Western Division which has been dominated by those upstarts from up the coast in San Francisco for the past few years. •

# Los Angeles Veteran Roster

Pro					Pro				
No. Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	No. Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.
60 Allison, H.	G	6-3	255	26 3	30 McCutcheon, L.	RB	6-1	205	23 2
45 Bertelsen, J.	RB	5-11	205	23 2	86 McKeever, M.	LB	6-1	235	33 13
90 Brooks, L.	DT	6-3	255	23 2	67 Nelson, B.	DT	6-7	270	25 3
10 Chapple, D.	P	6-1	180	26 3	19 Nettles, J.	SC-B5-10	177	31	9
44 Clark, A.	CB-S6-0	185	25 2		74 Olsen, M.	DT	6-5	270	32 12
73 Cowan, C.	T	6-4	265	35 13	72 Olsen, P.	DT	6-5	265	25 3
88 Curran, P.	TE	6-3	238	27 5	27 Ray, D.	K-WR	6-0	195	28 5
89 Dryer, F.	DE	6-6	240	27 5	13 Rentzel, L.	WR	6-2	202	29 9
42 Elmendorf, D.	S	6-1	195	24 3	64 Reynolds, J.	LB	6-1	232	25 4
18 Gabriel, R.*	QB	6-4	220	33 12	58 Robertson, I.	LB	6-3	225	24 3
36 Geddes, K.	LB	6-3	235	25 3	61 Saul, R.	C-G	6-3	235	25 4
5 Gordon, D.	WR	5-11	190	20 9	76 Schuh, H.	T	6-3	260	30 9
21 Hadl, J.	QB	6-1	214	33 12	71 Scibelli, J.	G	6-0	255	34 13
56 Halverson, D.	LB	6-2	230	27 5	26 Shears, L.	CB	5-10	184	24 3
11 Harris, J.	QB	6-4	210	26 4	38 Smith, L.	RB	6-3	220	25 5
22 Howard, G.	CB	6-0	200	26 6	84 Snow, J.	WR	6-2	190	30 9
47 Howard, L.	CB	5-11	168	24 2	66 Stein, B.	LB	6-3	235	25 5
50 Iman, K.	C	6-1	207	31 9	29 Sweet, J.	WR	6-2	196	25 2
34 Josephson, L.	RB	6-1	207	31 9	75 Williams, J.	G-T	6-3	256	27 6
80 Klein, B.	TE	6-5	235	26 5	48 Williams, R.	S	5-10	180	27 3
68 LaHood, M.	G	6-3	250	28 5	25 Williams, T.	RB	6-1	210	27 6
20 Logan, J.	S	6-1	190	32 11	85 Youngblood, J.	DE	6-4	250	23 2
65 Mack, T.	G	6-3	250	29 8					

\*Traded to Philadelphia

## Los Angeles Schedule

September 16	.....at Kansas City	.....3:00 p.m.
September 23	.....ATLANTA	.....1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....at San Francisco	.....1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....at Houston	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....DALLAS	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....GREEN BAY	.....1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....at Minnesota	.....1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....at Atlanta	.....1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....NEW ORLEANS	.....1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....SAN FRANCISCO	.....1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....at New Orleans	.....1:00 p.m.
December 2	.....at Chicago	.....1:00 p.m.
December 10 (Mon.)	.....NEW YORK GIANTS	.....6:00 p.m.
December 16	.....CLEVELAND	.....1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)



# Los Angeles Key Players



**JIM BERTELSEN, RB, 5-11, 205, 2d Yr., Age 23, Texas**

Turned out to be an excellent choice in the draft for the Rams in his rookie season, rushing for 581 yards and a 4.7 average as a starter over final seven games. Also had 29 catches for 331 yards and scored six TDs.

**LARRY BROOKS, DT, 6-3, 255, 2d Yr., Age 23, Virginia State**

A 14th round draft choice, he came out of a small school to become a starter with the Rams at defensive tackle after being on inactive squad for six games. Proved to be outstanding once he had the opportunity. Looks to have fine career looming.



**DAVE CHAPPLE, Punter, 6-1, 180, 3rd Yr., Age 26, Santa Barbara**

Signed as a free agent by the Rams last year after having been released by three other NFL clubs, Dave had himself a banner season, averaging 44.2 per kick on 53 attempts to lead the NFC in that department. Gets 'em high to keep returns down.

**CHARLIE COWAN, Tackle, 6-4, 265, 13th Yr., Age 35, N.M. H'lands**  
Solid veteran offensive lineman who has made several All-NFC teams in recent years despite nagging injuries. Pro Bowl choice five times, has appeared in 165 games with L.A., five under club mark. Has played both guard and tackle.



**FRED DRYER, DE, 6-6, 240, 5th Yr., Age 27, San Diego State**

Came to Rams from Patriots via Giants last year and was used as reserve at left side behind Jack Youngblood. With Coy Bacon traded, Dryer is expected to step into starting role in '72. Outstanding pass rusher because of his speed, pursuit abilities.

**DICK GORDON, WR, 5-11, 190, 9th Yr., Age 29, Michigan State**  
Picked up from Bears after playing out his option, Dick was hampered by injuries and did not see much action in 1972. Pulls and rib injuries sidelined him, but he has been a top receiver. Led NFL with 71 catches for 1,026 yards and 13 TDs in 1970.



**JOHN HADL, QB, 6-1, 215, 12th Yr., Age 33, Kansas**

Comes to the Rams after 11 years with the San Diego Chargers where he had any number of league-leading performances. His career figures show 1,824 completions for 26,938 yards and 201 touchdowns. Should give Rams a solid, veteran leader at QB.

**BOB KLEIN, TE, 6-5, 245, 5th Yr., Age 26, U.S.C.**

Always rated as an extremely able blocker, Klein began to develop as a receiving threat as well in 1972, catching 29 for 330 yards and one touchdown in a crucial win over the 49ers. A No. 1 pick in 1969, he's ready now to do it all.





**TOM MACK, Guard, 6-3, 248, 8th Yr., Age 29, Michigan**  
Premier guard in the NFC, he's won All-NFL honors for past five years. No. 1 choice in 1966, he has never missed a Ram regular season game with 98 straight going into this year.

**MERLIN OLSEN, DT, 6-5, 270, 12th Yr., Age 33, Utah State**  
Had another great season last year . . . which means he gets better as he gets older. Sacked the passer 14 times, chased QB out of pocket 47 more times. Has been named to the Pro Bowl 11 times in 11 years. How do you top that mark??



**DAVID RAY, WR-K, 6-0, 195, 5th Yr., Age 29, Alabama**  
Has been a solid and dependable place-kicker for the Rams for three seasons and is also valuable backup wide receiver. Has not missed a PAT in 102 attempts for L.A. and has now booted 71 field goals in 115 tries for 315 total points.

**JACK SNOW, WR, 6-2, 190, 9th Yr., Age 30, Notre Dame**  
Veteran receiver is a clever and dependable player who has had some outstanding years with the Rams. Named to Pro Bowl in 1968, his best season was 1970 when he had 51 catches. Career totals now show 296 for 5,277 yards, 39 TDs.



**JACK YOUNGBLOOD, DE, 6-4, 250, 3rd Yr., Age 23, Florida**  
No. 1 draft choice in 1971, he's been a key man on the front four since rookie year, either as valuable reserve or as a starter as was the case last year. Has fine strength against the run, also does good job of rushing the passer.

## **Chuck Knox** **Head Coach**



Dynamic is probably the word that best describes Chuck Knox, the new head football coach of the Rams. He thrives on hard work and enthusiasm, two traits he has exhibited during 19 years of coaching football—ten professional, five college and four in high school ranks. An intense, no-nonsense Scotch-Irishman, Charles Robert (Chuck) Knox was hired last January to coach the Rams by owner Carroll Rosenbloom, a man with a Midas touch when it comes to picking winning coaches. (Three of the last five winning Super Bowl coaches were by Rosenbloom.) What Rosenbloom saw in Knox was the intelligence, the dedication and the experience to build the Rams back into a winner after having undergone their first losing season in the last seven years. The name, Chuck Knox, has been mentioned in connection with several NFL head coaching positions many times within the last year because Knox is generally respected in pro football circles and considered to be one of the bright young coaches in the game today.

# Los Angeles 1972 Club Leaders

RUSHING						KICKOFF RET.					
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Ellison .....	170	-784	4.5	37	5	Ellison .....	14	345	24.6	32	0
Bertelsen .....	123	581	4.7	42	5	Thomas .....	8	212	26.5	43	0
Thomas .....	77	433	5.6	49	3	Love .....	8	167	20.9	27	0
Smith .....	60	276	4.6	68	2	Gordon .....	4	141	35.3	53	0
Josephson ..	18	75	4.2	13	0	Williams .....	6	141	23.5	29	0
Gabriel .....	14	16	1.1	11	1	Bertelsen .....	4	88	22.0	25	0
Rentzel .....	7	71	10.1	18	1	Curran .....	4	37	9.3	19	0

PASSING						PUNT RET.						
	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds	TDs	Int.		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Gabriel	323	165	51.12	2027	12	15	Bertelsen	16	232	14.5	60	0
Beathard	48	19	39.6	255	1	7	Love	10	39	3.9	10	0
							Gordon	4	20	5.0	12	0
							Elmendorf	3	56	18.7	41	0

PASS REC.						PUNTING					
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	
Snow .....	30	590	19.7	57	4	Chapple .....	53	2344	44.2	70	
Bertelsen .....	29	331	11.4	22	1						
Klein .....	29	330	11.4	26	1						
Rentzel .....	27	365	13.5	40	1						
Ellison .....	23	275	11.9	39	1						
Smith .....	15	188	12.4	47	1						
Josephson ..	14	170	12.1	34	1						
Thomas .....	11	95	8.6	19	0						

INTERCEPTIONS						SCORING						
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	PTS
Nettles .....	6	168	28.0	43	0	Snow .....	0	4	4	0	0	24
Elmendorf .....	3	29	9.7	15	0	Smith .....	2	1	3	0	0	18
Howard .....	3	26	8.7	24	1	Thomas .....	3	0	3	0	0	18
McKeever .....	2	8	4.0	8	0	Rentzel .....	1	1	2	0	0	12
						Sweet .....	0	1	1	0	0	18
						1Includes one safety						

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# Los Angeles All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING		
Dick Bass, with 1,209 carries for 5,417 yards	(1960-'69)	
Dan Towler, with 672 carries for 3,493 yards	(1950-'55)	

PASSING		
Roman Gabriel, with 1,705 completions in 3,313 attempts for 22,223 yards and 142 TDs	(1962-'72)	
Norm Van Brocklin, with 1,101 completions in 1,897 attempts for 16,114 yards and 118 TDs	(1949-'57)	

PASS RECEIVING		
Tom Fears, with 400 receptions for 5,397 yards	(1948-'58)	
Elroy Hirsch, with 343 receptions for 6,289 yards	(1949-'57)	

INTERCEPTIONS		
Ed Meador, with 46	(1959-'71)	
Will Sherman, with 28	(1954-'60)	

SCORING		
Bob Waterfield, with 573 points	(1945-'52)	
Bruce Gossett, with 571 points	(1964-'69)	



*The veteran Merlin Olsen is still a powerhouse defensive tackle . . . as you can see by what he's doing to a Falcon runner.*

# MINNESOTA VIKINGS



*Back home again with the Vikings was Fran the Scram in 1972 ... and here he does his specialty against the Dolphins.*

■ In a word, the word for the 1972 season for the Minnesota Vikings was "frustrating." Teams that wind up on top are teams that win the close and crucial games, and last year, when a lot of the pre-season experts figured the Vikings as the team to beat with the return of Fran Tarkenton, the Minnesota club lost five games by three points or less ... and finished at 7-7 and out of the playoffs.

Head coach Bud Grant was disappointed to be sure. Yet he could put his finger on mis-

takes in key ball games which sandbagged the Vikings. Mistakes included inopportune penalties and turnovers, and Minnesota lost games like 16-14 to Miami, 13-10 to Chicago and 20-17 to the 49ers. Grant was also somewhat disappointed with his club's running attack, feeling that it was not as effective in 1972 as it had been in other years.

Fran Tarkenton's return brought zing back to the passing game as the Scrambler completed 215 passes and threw for 18 touchdowns, which goes down as an improvement over previous years ... yet the Vikings still finished at only .500 after being division winners in the previous several campaigns. Too, nagging injuries hurt the famed Purple People Eating front four ... but all of that is finished for now, or at least that's the hope in Viking territory.

The draft brought a fine, big running back in Chuck Foreman. Maybe he can solve the running game problem. And if Francis Asbury has another good year and the defensive people stay healthy, then the Vikings will be much in the picture for 1973.

After winning all of those division titles, the Vikings were understandably disappointed by that 7-7 finish in a year which had held such promise. If that disappointment is remembered, and the problems of 1972 are solved, then the Central Division had better keep the storm warnings hoisted as they gaze towards the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. ●

# Minnesota Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	Pro
67	Alderman, G.	T	6-2	247	34	14	70	Marshall, J.	DE	6-4	248	35	14	
87	Beasley, J.	TE	6-3	228	27	6	55	Martin, A.	LB	6-3	228	24	2	
17	Berry, B.	QB	5-11	185	31	9	41	Osborn, D.	RB	6-0	208	30	9	
30	Brown, B.	RB	5-11	228	32	13	88	Page, A.	DT	6-4	245	28	7	
24	Brown, T.	S.	6-0	205	26	4		Randolph, A.	S	6-2	205	29	7	
20	Bryant, B.	CB	6-1	170	29	6	32	Reed, O.	RB	6-0	222	29	6	
14	Cox, F.	K	5-10	200	34	11	50	Siemon, J.	LB	6-2	230	23	2	
71	Davis, D.	T	6-4	250	29	8	64	Sunde, M.	G	6-2	250	31	10	
27	Demery, C.	WR	6-0	190	23	2	69	Sutherland, D.	DE	6-3	250	25	4	
11	Eischeid, M.	P	6-0	190	31	7	10	Tarkenton, F.	QB	6-0	190	33	13	
81	Eller, C.	DE	6-6	247	31	10	53	Tingelhoff, M.	C	6-2	237	33	12	
56	Gersbach, C.	LB	6-1	230	26	4	83	Voigt, S.	TE	6-1	200	25	4	
42	Gilliam, J.	WR	6-1	195	28	7	72	Ward, J.	DE-G	6-4	250	25	4	
80	Henderson, J.	WR	6-3	195	30	9	84	Washington, G.	WR	6-3	208	28	7	
58	Hilgenberg, W.	LB	6-3	229	31	10	40	West, C.	S-CB	6-1	197	27	6	
26	Jones, C.	RB	6-0	205	28	7	62	White, E.	G	6-2	268	26	5	
29	Kassulke, K.	S	6-0	195	32	11	60	Winston, R.	LB	5-11	222	33	12	
22	Krause, P.	S	6-3	200	31	10	23	Wright, J.	S	5-11	190	24	3	
77	Larsen, G.	DT	6-5	261	33	10	43	Wright, N.	CB	5-11	180	25	4	
21	Lindsey, J.	DE	6-2	210	28	8	73	Yary, R.	T	6-5	255	27	6	
75	Lurtsema, B.	DE	6-6	250	31	7	51	Zaunbrecher, G.	C	6-1	240	27	3	
49	Marinara, E.	RB	6-2	212	23	2								

## Minnesota Schedule

September 16	.....OAKLAND	.....1:00 p.m.
September 23	.....at Chicago	.....1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....GREEN BAY	.....1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....at Detroit	.....4:00 p.m.
October 14	.....at San Francisco	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....PHILADELPHIA	.....1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....LOS ANGELES	.....1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....CLEVELAND	.....1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....DETROIT	.....1:00 p.m.
November 19	.....at Atlanta (Mon.)	.....9:00 p.m.
December 2	.....at Cincinnati	.....1:00 p.m.
December 8	.....at Green Bay (Sat.)	.....12:00 p.m.
December 16	.....at New York Giants	.....1:00 p.m.

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# Minnesota Key Players



**CARL ELLER, DE, 6-6, 247, 10th Yr., Age 31, Minnesota**  
Veteran player had another good year. Ranks as one of the premier DE's in pro football. Named to All-NFC team in '72, he'd been All-Pro many times before. Still puts on one of the best pass rushes in all of football.

**JOHN GILLIAM, WR, 6-1, 195, 7th Yr., Age 28, S. Carolina St.**  
Proved to be valuable acquisition from Cardinals. Led Vikes in receiving with 47 catches for 1,035 yards for a solid 22.0 average per catch. Also managed seven TD catches. He doubled as kickoff return man with a 26.3 average.



**PAUL KRAUSE, DB, 6-3, 200, 10th Yr., Age 31, Iowa**  
Has been among the leading interceptors ever since coming into the NFL with Redskins. Made All-NFC, Pro Bowl last year, getting six interceptions for 109 yards and one TD. Now has 58 interceptions in just nine years of play.



**GARY LARSEN, DT, 6-5, 260, 10th Yr., Age 33, Concordia**  
Tough, veteran tackle has always given Vikes strength in the middle against the run. Versatile, he can play any of the four positions on the defensive line. Came to Vikes in trade from L.A. where he was also a starter for six years.



**JIM MARSHALL, DE, 6-4, 248, 14th Yr., Age 35, Ohio State**  
Slowed by injuries somewhat last year, the veteran star is still an integral part of the Vikings' front unit. Defensive captain and team leader, he's been All-NFL and Pro Bowler over the years. Still does it with savvy, hustle.

**ALAN PAGE, DT, 6-4, 245, 7th Yr., Age 28, Notre Dame**  
Page had some nagging injuries in 1972, but kept himself working all the time. Some say he's the best DT in pro football. Great quickness, pursuit. Named to All-NFC team and Pro Bowl again last year.



**OSCAR REED, RB, 6-0, 222, 6th Yr., Age 29, Colorado State**  
Tough runner with fine speed did a solid job in '72 with the Vikes, leading the club in rushing with 639 yards and a 4.2 average. He caught 30 passes for another 205 yards. Also a fine blocker, solid competitor.

**JEFF SIEMON, LB, 6-3, 230, 2d Yr., Age 23, Stanford**  
Had outstanding rookie year, winning votes as NFL Rookie of Year, and getting spot on the All-Rookie team. Hard hitter with fine range, mobility, his pass coverage was excellent. Had two interceptions for 23 yards returned.





**FRAN TARKENTON, QB, 6-1, 190, 13th Yr., Age 33, Georgia**  
The Scrambler returned to the Vikings last year and added to his already existing club records. Finished as No. 3 passer in NFC, named to the All-NFC team as well. Had 215 completions and hit for 18 TD connections.



**MICK TINGELHOFF, Center, 6-2, 237, 12th Yr., Age 33, Nebraska**  
Veteran center has anchored the Viking line for a decade, and has been an outstanding leader there. Perennial All-Pro, he still gets the job done in leading pass blocking. Not the biggest center in the game, he's still a tough one.



**ED WHITE, Guard, 6-3, 268, 5th Yr., Age 26, California**  
Continues to improve yearly. Big, strong and extremely quick, he fires out well as a pulling guard on the sweeps and has continued to mature as a solid pass blocker. Coaches feel he's just coming into his prime now.



**ROY WINSTON, LB, 5-11, 222, 12th Yr., Age 33, Louisiana St.**  
Here's a guy who's been doing a solid job for a long time without getting too many post-season honors. Hard working, tough hitter and fiery competitor. Last year, he came up with three interceptions for 55 yards returned.



**RON YARY, Tackle, 6-6, 255, 6th Yr., Age 27, So. California**  
Powerful offensive tackle gets better all the time. Named to All-NFL team for second straight year, also selected for Pro Bowl squad again. He's big, strong and far ranging. Equally powerful blocking for passer or for the runner.



### **Bud Grant** **Head Coach**

Entering his seventh season as head coach of Vikings with a mark of 53 victories, 28 losses and 3 ties. His teams won the NFC Central Division four straight years and won the NFL championship in 1969. Head coach at Winnipeg of the Canadian League for 10 years before joining Vikings in 1967. Grant's Winnipeg teams won five Western-Conference championships and four Grey Cup championships. Played for the Philadelphia Eagles 1951-'52 and ranked as No. 2 receiver in NFL in 1952. Played 1953-'56 with Winnipeg before being named head coach in 1957. Over the past two NFL seasons Grant's Vikings have won 31 games and lost 11. Attended University of Minnesota and was two-time All-Big Ten end. Won four letters in football, two in basketball (forward and three in baseball (pitcher-outfielder)).



# Minnesota 1972 Club Leaders

## RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Reed .....	151	639	4.2	43	2
Brown .....	82	263	3.2	19	4
Osborn .....	82	261	3.1	14	2
Marinaro .....	66	223	3.3	19	0
Tarkenton ...	27	180	6.6	21	0
Jones .....	52	164	3.1	23	2

Kassulke .....	2	25	22	0
Siemon .....	2	23	23	0

## KICKOFF RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Gilliam .....	14	369	26.4	47	0
Jones .....	12	327	27.3	48	0
West .....	9	196	21.8	31	0

## PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Pct	Yds.	TDs	Int
Tarkenton	378	215	56.92	851	18	13
Lee	6	3	50	75	1	0

## Punt Ret.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
West .....	16	110	6.8	23	0
Bryant .....	10	49	4.9	10	0

## PASS REC.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Gilliam .....	47	1035	22.0	66	7
Reed .....	30	205	6.8	37	0
Beasley .....	28	232	8.2	18	1
Marinaro .....	28	228	8.1	18	1
Brown .....	22	298	13.5	76	4
Osborn .....	20	166	8.3	18	1
Washington ..	18	259	14.3	39	2
Henderson ..	10	190	19.0	70	2

## PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Eischeid ....	62	2651	42.7	61

## INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Long	TDs
Krause .....	6	109	35	1
Bryant .....	4	82	34	0
Winston .....	3	55	23	0
J. Wright .....	3	31	31	0
West .....	3	7	8	0

## SCORING

	TDR	TDP	TDS	PAT	FGPTS
Cox .....	0	0	0	34	21 97
Brown .....	4	4	8	0	0 48
Gilliam .....	0	7	7	0	0 42
Osborn .....	2	1	3	0	0 18
Henderson ..	0	2	2	0	0 12
Jones .....	2	0	2	0	0 12
Krause .....	0	0	2	0	0 12
Reed .....	2	0	0	0	0 12
Voigt .....	1	1	1	0	0 12
Washington ..	0	2	2	0	0 12

\*Scored 2 tds on returns

# Minnesota All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Bill Brown, with 1,583 carries for 5,591 yards	(1962-'72)
Tommy Mason, with 761 carries for 3,252 yards	(1961-'68)

## PASSING

Fran Tarkenton, with 1,239 completions in 2,277 attempts for 17,230 yards and 131 TDs.	(1961-66, '72)
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## PASS RECEIVING

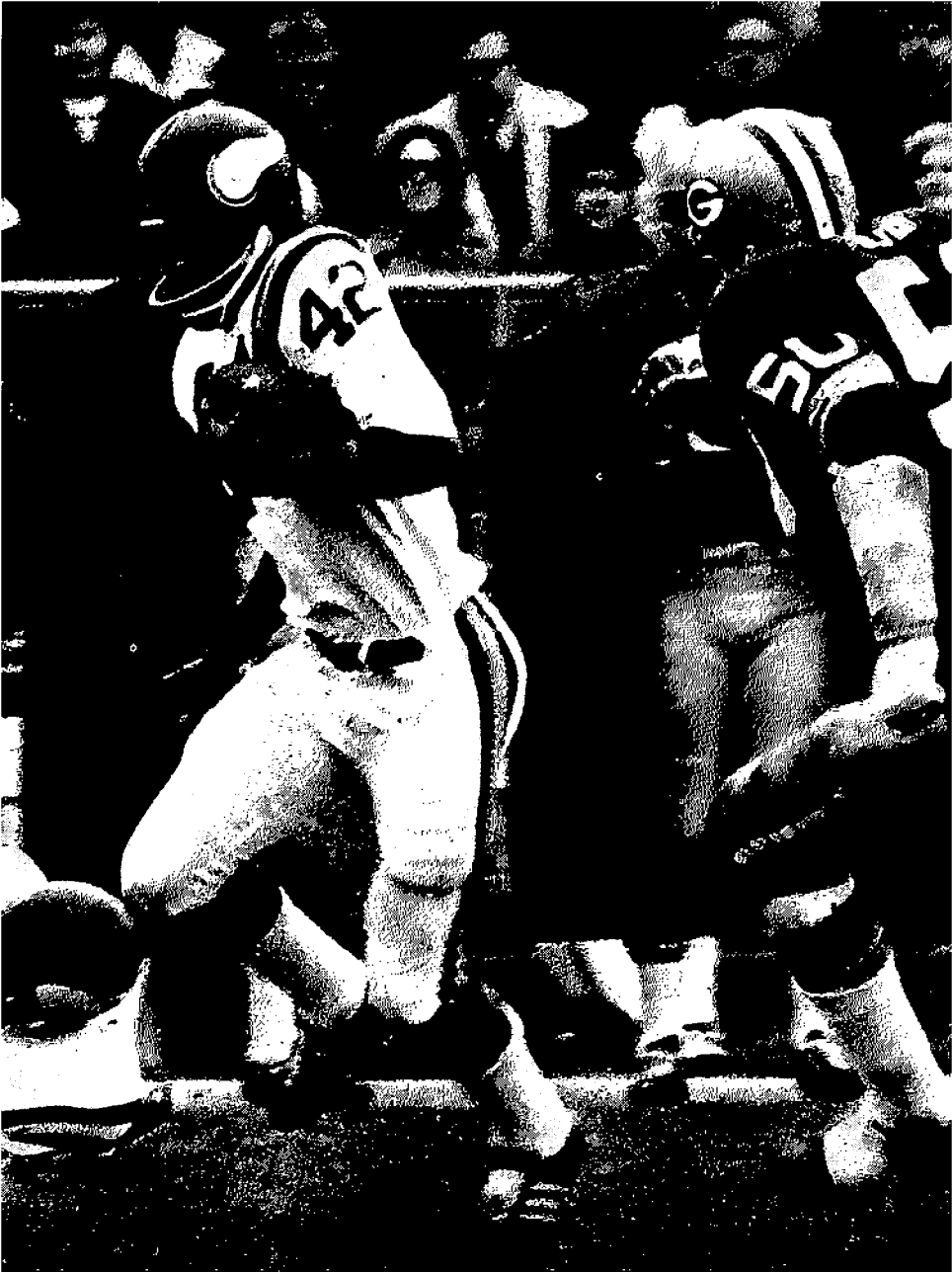
Bill Brown, with 272 receptions.	(1962-'72)
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## INTERCEPTIONS

Ed Sharockman, with 40	(1961-'71)
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## SCORING

Fred Cox, with 978 points	(1963-'72)
Bill Brown, with 426 points	(1962-'72)



*Speedster John Gilliam heads upfield against Packers after grabbing pass from Tarkenton.*

# NEW ORLEANS SAINTS



*The heart and soul of the New Orleans attack is Archie Manning, shown here rolling out of the pocket.*

■The tradition of the New Orleans Saints has always been excitement. Since gaining a franchise in 1967 through the present, this exhilarating city has responded to the Saints through thick and thin and fan support has been astounding.

New Orleans is where the Saints Come Marching In, mostly musically. Last year, the club didn't do too much marching around the football field, finishing with a 2-11-1 mark, but this is a relatively young club with some fine young players and hope springs eternal down in Al Hirt-Pete Fountain country.

The year before, the Saints were 4-8-2 and knocked off some pretty sinewy teams such

as the Rams, Cowboys, 49ers and Packers . . . and knotted the Raiders. Last year they again conked the Rams and tied the 49ers, but obviously much more is required than occasionally flattening a good team.

The Saints also have Archie Manning and this young slinger was in for every offensive play in 1972, which is the right way to develop a young quarterback. Archie completed more passes than any other quarterback in the NFL (230), but he also threw the most (448). What's necessary is a more balanced attack, and the Saints could be on their way in that direction with some fine young running backs and what looks to be a good draft. They've also beefed up the defense with the trade for Billy Newsome, a fearsome defensive end from the Baltimore Colts, and perhaps a better pass rush will make a better secondary out of a relatively young group of defenders back in that area.

With more possession of the ball, Manning will have more time to work the offense better than just unloading 448 times through the air. Arch must have had to run a lot too . . . because he was the second leading rusher last year with 351 yards, and he really shouldn't have to do that.

Hopefully, the excitement will continue unabated in New Orleans. The main objective for the Saints now is to produce more excitement on the scoreboard, and that could very well happen. That sort of marching should have them going bananas on Bourbon Street. ●

# New Orleans Veteran Roster

						Pro											Pro				
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	
46	Abramowicz, D.	WR	6-1	195	28	7	11	Lee, B.	CB	6-3	200	25	3	48	Adkins, M.*	WR	5-10	183	26	4	
28	Bell, C.	TE	6-5	230	25	2	7	Linhart, T.	K	6-0	170	31	2	34	Brown, B.	TE	6-2	225	30	5	
36	Brown, B.	TE	6-2	225	30	5	89	Long, D.	DT	6-4	245	28	8	59	Butler, B.	RB	6-0	218	23	2	
38	Butler, B.	RB	6-0	218	23	2	8	Manning, A.	QB	6-3	212	24	3	75	Colman, W.	LB	6-1	230	27	6	
59	Colman, W.	LB	6-1	230	27	6	22	Martin, D.	CB	6-1	190	24	2	51	Crangle, M.	DE	6-4	243	26	2	
75	Crangle, M.	DE	6-4	243	26	2	74	Mooers, D.	DT	6-6	265	26	3	25	Didion, J.	C	6-4	245	25	5	
51	Didion, J.	C	6-4	245	25	5	76	Morrison, D.	T	6-5	255	23	3	10	Dodd, A.	WR	6-0	185	28	4	
25	Dodd, A.	WR	6-0	185	28	4	37	Myers, T.	S	5-11	184	22	2	58	Fagan, J.*	P	6-3	205	25	4	
10	Fagan, J.*	P	6-3	205	25	4	41	Newland, B.	WR	6-2	190	24	3	9	Federspiel, J.	LB	6-1	225	23	2	
58	Federspiel, J.	LB	6-1	225	23	2	87	Newsome, B.	DE	6-5	250	25	4	28	Feller, H.	K	5-11	185	24	3	
9	Feller, H.	K	5-11	185	24	3	72	Owens, J.	DE	6-2	245	26	4	45	Ford, J.	RB	6-0	210	23	3	
28	Ford, J.	RB	6-0	210	23	3	52	Palmer, D.	LB	6-2	232	26	4	35	Green, A.	RB	5-11	198	25	2	
45	Green, A.	RB	5-11	198	25	2	83	Parks, D.	TE	6-2	215	31	10	56	Gresham, B.	RB	5-11	195	25	3	
35	Gresham, B.	RB	5-11	195	25	3	82	Pollard, B.	DT	6-3	245	24	3	56	Hall, W.	LB	6-2	217	23	2	
56	Hall, W.	LB	6-2	217	23	2	70	Robinson, C.	T	6-4	250	24	2	14	Hargett, E.	QB	5-11	190	26	5	
14	Hargett, E.	QB	5-11	190	26	5	54	Roussel, T.	LB	6-3	235	28	6	29	Hayes, B.	CB	6-1	175	26	2	
29	Hayes, B.	CB	6-1	175	26	2	66	Smith, R.	G	6-3	245	24	2	64	Hester, R.	LB	6-2	215	24	3	
64	Hester, R.	LB	6-2	215	24	3	55	Stincic, T.	LB	6-4	230	26	5	78	Hines, G.R.	T	6-5	265	29	8	
78	Hines, G.R.	T	6-5	265	29	8	42	Strong, J.	RB	6-1	210	26	4	53	Hobbs, B.	LB	6-1	215	27	5	
53	Hobbs, B.	LB	6-1	215	27	5	85	Weatherspoon, C.	WR	6-1	182	25	2	18	Hollas, H.	S	6-1	190	27	4	
18	Hollas, H.	S	6-1	190	27	4	49	Whitaker, C.	WR	6-2	187	25	2	30	Jackson, E.	CB	5-10	173	23	2	
30	Jackson, E.	CB	5-10	173	23	2	61	Williams, D.	G	6-2	240	27	7	77	Johnson, C.	T	6-3	241	23	2	
77	Johnson, C.	T	6-3	241	23	2	24	Williams, J.	RB	6-0	193	26	3	50	Kupp, J.	G	6-3	248	32	10	
50	Kupp, J.	G	6-3	248	32	10	68	Winther, W.	C	6-4	261	25	3	67	Kuziel, B.	C	6-4	255	23	2	
67	Kuziel, B.	C	6-4	255	23	2	23	Wyatt, D.	S	6-1	195	26	4								

\*Traded to Jets

## New Orleans Schedule

September 16	.....ATLANTA	.....1:00 p.m.
September 24	.....at Dallas (Mon.)	.....8:00 p.m.
September 30	.....at Baltimore	.....2:00 p.m.
October 7	.....CHICAGO	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....DETROIT	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....at San Francisco	.....1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....WASHINGTON	.....1:00p.m.
November 4	.....BUFFALO	.....1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....at Los Angeles	.....1:00p.m.
November 18	.....at San Diego	.....1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....LOS ANGELES	.....1:00 p.m.
December 2	.....at Green Bay (Mil)	.....1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....SAN FRANCISCO	.....1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....at Atlanta	.....1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# New Orleans Key Players



**DAN ABRAMOWICZ, WR, 6-1, 195, 7th Yr., Age 28, Xavier**  
After leading Saints in receiving for five straight seasons, he tailed off a bit in 1972, but remains one of the game's top threats. Had 38 grabs for 668 yards and seven TDs, now has career total of 307 catches for Saints' club record.

**BOB BROWN, TE, 6-2, 225, 5th Yr., Age 30, Alcorn A&M**  
Added some fine blocking, receiving after being picked up from Vikings. Had also been with Cardinals in NFL before joining Saints. With Dave Parks departed, Brown should be starter. Had 11 catches for 175 yards, one TD in '72.



**BILL BUTLER, RB, 6-0, 218, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Kansas State**  
No. 5 draft choice last year, he proved to be an impressive rookie who seems to have excellent potential. Had 54 rushes for 233 yards and a 4.3 average, also caught 25 passes for another 226 yards, scored two touchdowns.

**JOE FEDERSPIEL, LB, 6-1, 225, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Kentucky**  
The No. 4 draft choice, he too showed some impressive credentials in his rookie campaign. Has fine range, good mobility and fine hitting ability. Saints figure he's their MLB for now, and for the future.



**BOB GRESHAM, RB, 5-11, 193, 3rd Yr., Age 25, West Virginia**  
No. 8 draft choice two years ago, he came on to record 383 yards rushing his rookie campaign and scored six TDs. Last year, he led the Saints in rushing with 381 yards and three TDs, also caught 29 passes for 192 yards. Very quick with fine balance.

**HUGO HOLLAS, DB, 6-1, 190, 4th Yr., Age 27, Rice**  
Fine free safetyman is a valuable and versatile player, who can double as return man if called upon. Had five interceptions in each of his first two seasons, but made only one in 1972. Tough man on the safety blitz.



**JAKE KUPP, Guard, 6-3, 250, 10th Yr., Age 32, Washington**  
Wiped out by a knee injury after the third game last year, Kupp should be fully recovered for 1973 with the form that has made him a strong performer over the years. Was Saints' MVP in 1971, and is the offensive captain leader of line.

**ARCHIE MANNING, QB, 6-3, 212, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Mississippi**  
Played every play in 1972, and that's the only way to get a young QB experience. Keeps coming on and improving and will be a top one. Had 230 completions in '72 for 2,781 yards and fired 18 TD connections. Rushed for 351 yards too!





**TOM MYERS, DB, 5-11, 185, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Syracuse**

Young rookie safetyman came through well for the Saints in last year's action. As part of young secondary which will get better, he had three interceptions and proved to be solid tackler. Also punt return man with nine for 4.8 average.



**BOB NEWLAND, WR, 6-2, 190, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Oregon**

After catching 21 passes in his rookie season, he really came into his own last year, proving to be genuine deep threat. Led club in receptions with 47 for 579 yards and scored two TDs. Has 9.9 speed.



**BILLY NEWSOME, DE, 6-5, 250, 4th Yr., Age 25, Grambling**

Saints gave up No. 1 draft choice to get Newsome from the Baltimore Colts and he's a good one who should be of great help to a young defensive club. Saints need a better pass rush and Newsome can do it all. Big, strong, aggressive.



**BOB POLLARD, DT, 6-3, 250, 3rd Yr., Age 24, Weber State**

No. 11 draft choice two years ago, he promptly made the club and ended up on NFL's All-Rookie team. Improved even more in 1972, and now with Newsome working with him, this young tackle looms as one with exceptional potential.



**DEL WILLIAMS, Guard, 6-2, 240, 7th Yr., Age 27, Florida State**

Made amazing recovery from knee surgery to play in final eight games last year. Has been a regular for the Saints ever since joining the club and adds experience to that unit. Good pulling guard for sweeps, also protects passer.



## **J. D. Roberts** *Head Coach*

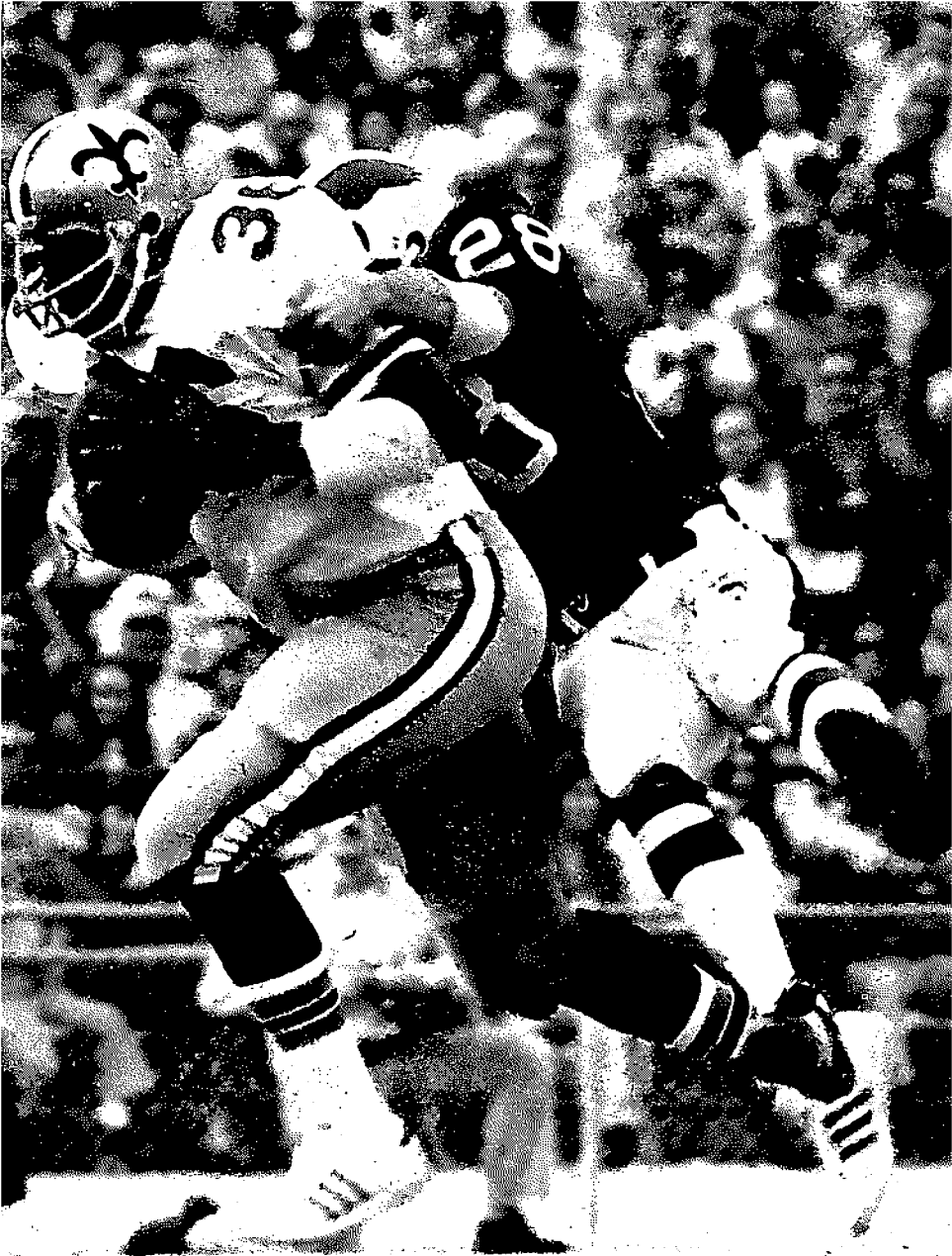
Appointed head coach of New Orleans on November 3, 1970, succeeding Tom Fears. Saints finished the season with a 2-11-1 record, winning one of seven games under Roberts last year, upped mark to 4-8-2 in 1971. Served as assistant coach New York Jets 1969 and '70 until assuming present position. Played guard for the Hamilton Tiger Cats of the Canadian Football Leagues in 1954. All America guard at University of Oklahoma 1953, third year as a starter. Served in Marine Corps 1955-'56 and played for Quantico Marines. Assistant coach at University of Denver 1957, Oklahoma 1958-'59, U.S. Naval Academy 1960, Auburn 1961, University of Houston 1963-'64. Born October 24, 1932, Oklahoma City, Okla. Given name is John David, but prefers J. D.

# New Orleans 1972 Club Leaders

RUSHING						KICKOFF RET.					
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Gresham ....	120	381	3.2	23	3	Adkins .....	43	1020	23.7	61	0
Manning ....	63	351	5.6	18	2	Green .....	8	187	23.4	58	0
Butler .....	54	233	4.3	27	0	Strong .....	4	53	13.3	22	0
Strong .....	37	120	3.2	9	0	J. Williams ....	2	23	11.5	15	0
J. Williams ..	31	72	2.3	11	0	Hollas .....	2	9	4.5	9	0
Green .....	14	51	3.6	14	0						
Ford .....	11	28	2.5	9	0						
PASSING						PUNT RET.					
	Att.	Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TDs Int.		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Manning	448	230	51.32	781	18 21	Myers .....	9	43	4.8	10	0
						Adkins .....	7	0	0.0	4	0
PASS REC.						PUNTING					
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	
Newland ....	47	579	12.3	42t	2	Fagan .....	71	2899	40.8	71	
Abramowicz .	38	668	17.6	51	7						
Parks .....	32	542	16.9	66t	6						
Gresham ....	29	192	6.6	54	0						
Butler .....	25	226	9.0	21	2						
J. Williams ..	16	116	7.3	32	0						
Strong .....	14	123	8.8	16	0						
Brown .....	11	175	15.9	34	1						
INTERCEP-TIONS						SCORING					
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		TDR	TDP	TDs PAT	FG	PTS
Lee .....	4	65	16.3	32	0	Abramowicz	0	7	7	0	0 42
Jackson .....	3	41	13.7	31	0	Parks	0	6	6	0	0 36
Myers .....	3	0	0.0	0	0	Feller	0	0	0	10	6 28
Roussel .....	2	15	7.5	11	0	Durkee	0	0	0	9	3 18
						Gresham	3	0	3	0	0 18
						Newland	0	2	2	0	0 12
						Manning	2	0	2	0	0 12
						Butler	0	2	2	0	0 12
						Linhardt	0	0	0	5	2 11

# New Orleans All-Time Club Leaders

<b>RUSHING</b>	
Tony Baker, with 249 carries for 1,102 yards and two TDs	(1969-'71)
<b>PASSING</b>	
Billy Kilmer, with 592 completions in 1,116 attempts for 7,490 yards and 47 TDs	(1967-'70)
<b>PASS RECEIVING</b>	
Dan Abramowicz, with 307 receptions for 4,857 yards	(1967-'72)
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	
Dave Whitsell, with 19	(1967-'69)
<b>SCORING</b>	
Charlie Durkee, with 225 points	(1967-68, '71)



*Tight end Bob Brown hangs onto pass despite the efforts of Eagles' Bill Bradley.*



# NEW YORK GIANTS



*All-Pro Ron Johnson returned to the Giants in 1972 after injuries in 1971. He was never better, rushing for 1,182 yards.*

■ The transformation of the Giants from a stumbling 4-10 team in 1971 to a contender in the NFC East with an 8-6 record last year can be summed up succinctly: solid trades and a good draft. The Giants dealt off Fran Tarkenton to Minnesota and Fred Dryer to New England, and in return got players like Norm Snead, Bob Grim, Vin Clements, Dick Enderle and draft choices one of which was defensive tackle Larry Jacobson and defensive end Jack Gregory (obtained for a draft pick from

Cleveland) who put the sinew back into New York's defense.

Snead not only led the entire NFL in passing in 1972, but brought solid leadership. Enderle, along with Joe Taffoni, picked up in a trade with the Rams, gave the Giants an offensive line that allowed New York passers to be dropped only 10 times all season—the lowest figure in the NFL. And Gregory, who had played out his option with Cleveland, came to Fun City and made opposing quarterbacks his personal prey. The 6-5, 250-pounder won unanimous All-Pro honors and sacked the passer 21 times by himself, all of which made the Giants a highly respected unit throughout the season.

Drafted rookies Jacobson and John Mendenhall became starting defensive tackles, young line backers improved and tight end Bob Tucker, another All-Pro, put zing into the attack which finished No. 1 in the NFC.

Oh yes, there was a running back named Ron Johnson who also returned in 1972 after missing the previous season with injuries, and multi-talented Johnson set a club record with 1,182 yards rushing, caught 45 passes and scored 14 touchdowns.

Giant fans are hoping that the sudden reversal continues its upward trend. The Giants have a glorious history with 14 Eastern championships and four NFL crowns ... and with a solid, young club, seem to be about to return to some of that storied past insofar as productive seasons are concerned. ●

# New York Veteran Roster

Pro					Pro				
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt. Age.Yr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt. Age.Yr.
45	Athas, P.	CB	5-11	185 25 3	84	Houston, R.	WR	6-2	195 27 5
	Ballman, G.	WR-TE	6-1	215 33 12	56	Hughes, P.	LB	6-2	240 25 4
15	Blanchard, T.	P	6-0	190 24 3	70	Hyland, B.	C	6-5	255 28 7
21	Brown, O.	CB	6-1	188 26 5	75	Jacobson, L.	DT	6-6	260 23 2
79	Campbell, C.	LB	6-4	240 26 4	11	Johnson, R.	QB	6-3	205 29 8
29	Clements, V.	RB	6-3	210 24 2	30	Johnson, R.	RB	6-1	205 25 5
	Cole, L.	WR	5-11	170 25 4	73	Kanicki, J.	DT	6-4	260 31 10
24	Crist, C.	S	6-2	205 22 2	53	Larson, G.	C	6-3	250 33 13
51	Douglas, J.	LB	6-2	228 28 4	43	Lockhart, C.	S	6-2	175 30 9
65	Ellison, M.	G	6-2	250 24 2	64	Mendenhall, J.	DT	6-1	255 24 2
62	Enderle, D.	G	6-2	250 26 5	49	Orduna, J.	RB	6-0	195 25 2
31	Evans, C.	RB	6-1	220 25 3	80	Reed, H.	DE	6-3	230 24 3
58	Files, J.	LB	6-4	240 25 4	18	Small, E.	CB	6-1	190 23 2
44	Flowers, R.	S	6-0	180 26 5	16	Snead, N.	QB	6-4	215 34 13
83	Gatewood, T.	TE	6-3	215 22 2	72	Taffoni, J.	T	6-3	255 28 6
3	Gogolak, P.	K	6-1	190 31 10	22	Thompson, R.	RB	5-11	200 25 3
68	Goich, D.	DT	6-4	240 28 5	71	Tipton, D.	DE	6-6	245 24 3
81	Gregory, J.	DE	6-5	250 28 7	38	Tucker, B.	TE	6-3	230 27 4
27	Grim, B.	WR	6-0	200 28 7	63	Van Horn, D.	G	6-3	245 29 7
61	Harper, C.	DT	6-0	250 29 8	78	Walton, W.	T	6-5	245 24 2
85	Herrmann, D.	WR	6-2	205 26 5	41	Williams, W.	CB	6-0	190 30 9
52	Hill, J.	T	6-2	245 23 2	69	Young, W.	T	6-0	265 30 8
67	Hornsby, R.	LB	6-3	232 23 3					

## New York Schedule

September 16	.....HOUSTON	.....1:00 p.m.
September 23	.....PHILADELPHIA	.....1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....at Cleveland	.....1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....GREEN BAY	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....WASHINGTON	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....at Dallas	.....3:00 p.m.
October 28	.....at St. Louis	.....1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....at Oakland	.....1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....DALLAS	.....1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....ST. LOUIS	.....1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....at Philadelphia	.....1:00 p.m.
December 2	.....at Washington	.....1:00 p.m.
December 10	.....at Los Angeles (Mon.)	.....6:00 p.m.
December 16	.....MINNESOTA	.....1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# NEW YORK KEY PLAYERS



**JIM FILES, LB, 6-4, 240, 4th Yr., Age 25, Oklahoma**  
Rapidly becoming one of finest linebackers in the NFL. Has played both MLB and OLB, now returns to the middle where he has fine range, great strength. Intercepted two passes last season, ran one back 37 yards for TD.

**JACK GREGORY, DE, 6-5, 250, 7th Yr., Age 28, Delta State**  
Came to Giants from Cleveland Browns, had greatest season ever, winning unanimous All-NFL, Pro Bowl honors. Outstanding pass rusher with speed, strength, cunning, he had a total of 21 individual QB sacks in 1972, by far the most in the NFL.



**DON HERRMANN, WR, 6-2, 205, 5th Yr., Age 26, Waynesburg St.**  
Smooth, veteran receiver gets better each season. Doesn't have outstanding speed, but always manages to get open and make the big catch. Had 28 grabs for 422 yards and five TDs in 1972. Rated as key receiver on those third down situations.

**LARRY JACOBSON, DT, 6-6, 260, 2nd Yr., Age 23, Nebraska**  
One of Giants' pair of No. 1 picks last year through trade of Tarkenton, big Larry won starting job as a rookie and proved to have tons of potential. Great quickness, sure tackler, he goes hard on every play. Sacked the passer 8 times, blocked 4 passes.



**RANDY JOHNSON, QB, 6-3, 205, 8th Yr., Age 29, Texas A & I**  
Had starting job wrapped up at QB in '72, then suffered series of injuries and ended up as reserve behind Norm Snead. Still rated a solid, veteran QB who could be No. 1 with a lot of clubs. Strictly pocket passer with rifle arm, great competitive drive.

**RON JOHNSON, RB, 6-1, 205, 5th Yr., Age 25, Michigan**  
After missing virtually all of 1971 season with injuries, the All-Pro running back returned to set a club record with 1,182 yards rushing, 45 pass receptions and 14 TDs. Truly superlative performer, twice in Pro Bowl, has great future.



**CARL LOCKHART, DB, 6-2, 175, 9th Yr., Age 30, No. Texas State**  
"The Spider" rates among top free safeties in NFL. Defensive captain, the key to the secondary . . . can do it all. Had four interceptions in '72, now has 36 in career, three for TDs. Also punt return man, reserve punter, former Pro Bowler.

**JOHN MENDENHALL, DT, 6-1, 255, 2d Yr., Age 24, Grambling**  
Giants' No. 3 pick last year stepped in to win starting job at tackle, won spot on NFL's All-Rookie team. Powerful player with outstanding quickness. Toughness is another attribute. Plays head-up over center. His potential is unlimited.





**NORM SNEAD, QB, 6-4, 215, 13th Yr., Age 34, Wake Forest**

After bouncing around NFL for a decade, veteran moved in with Giants after trade with Minnesota, had greatest year ever and won NFL's No. 1 passing title. His 60.3 completion percentage an alltime Giant club record. Made Pro Bowl for third time.



**JOE TAFFONI, Tackle, 6-3, 255, 6th Yr., Age 28, Tenn.-Martin**

Giants got Joe in trade with Rams in '71, then he retired. Changed his mind and came back last year to turn in powerful performance all season long. Outstanding pass blocker with quick feet, great upper body strength. Led protection of Sneed all season long.



**BOB TUCKER, TE, 6-3, 230, 4th Yr., Age 27, Bloomsburg St.**

Signed as free agent three years ago, now he's an All-NFL selection. Led NFC in receiving in 1971 with 59 catches, first tight end ever to win title. Grabbed 55 more last year, now has 154 catches in three seasons for over 2,000 yards. Outstanding.



**DOUG VAN HORN, Guard, 6-3, 245, 7th Yr., Age 29, Ohio State**

Veteran lineman had his best year ever in 1972, should have deserved some mention on the All teams. Usually draws toughest assignments, is superb at pulling to lead sweeps and has improved pass blocking over last few years as well.



**WILLIE WILLIAMS, DB, 6-0, 190, 9th Yr., Age 30, Grambling**

Tough cornerback tied for club lead with four interceptions in '72. Plays the run well and is a hard and sure tackler. Led NFL in interceptions in 1968 with 10, now has 31 for career total. Played in Pro Bowl in 1969.



**Alex Webster**  
**Head Coach**

Took over as head coach of the Giants one week before the 1969 regular season opened and directed New York to three victories in its first four games and a 6-8 season record and second place in the Eastern Conference's Capitol Division; 9-5 record in 1970 was good for second place

in NFC's Eastern Division. Webster joined the Giants' staff in 1967 and served two seasons as offensive backfield assistant before assuming the head coaching position. An All-Southern Conference runner at North Carolina State, Webster was drafted by Washington for 1953 but played instead for Montreal in the Canadian League in 1953-'54. In 1955, Webster joined the Giants and was an outstanding runner while playing on New York's 1956 NFL championship team and Eastern Division champion teams in 1956-'58-'59-'61-'62-'63. He still holds three Giant records—most rushing attempts (1,213), most rushing yards (4,805), and most touchdowns rushing (39).

# New York 1972 Club Leaders

## RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
R. Johnson ..	298	1182	4.0	35	9
Evans .....	91	317	3.5	24	4
Clements ....	46	221	4.8	19	0
Orduna .....	36	129	3.6	17	1
Morrison .....	9	36	4.0	45	0
Thompson .....	9	35	3.9	13	0
Duhon .....	9	23	2.6	7	0
Snead .....	10	21	2.1	15	0

Flowers .....	4	30	20	0
Athas .....	4	11	9	0

## KICKOFF

RET.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Small .....	1	1100	100.0	177	0
Thompson ..	29	821	28.3	92	1
Duhon .....	2	47	23.5	26	0
Orduna .....	12	244	20.3	39	0
Douglas .....	4	43	10.8	22	0

## PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.
Snead	325	196	60.3	3,307	17	12
Rdy.						
Johnson	17	10	58.8	230	3	3

## PUNT RET.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Athas .....	8	95	11.9	48	0
Duhon .....	2	20	10.0	10	0
Grim .....	7	10	1.4	10	0

## PASS REC.

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Tucker .....	55	764	13.9	39	4
R. Johnson ..	45	451	10.0	39	5
Herrmann ...	28	422	15.1	34	5
Houston .....	27	468	17.3	94	3
Evans .....	26	182	7.0	18	1
Clements ....	9	118	13.1	39	0
Grim .....	5	67	13.4	17	1
Morrison .....	5	39	7.8	13	0
Orduna .....	4	6	1.3	6	1
Duhon .....	2	20	10.0	12	0

## PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Blanchard ...	47	2006	42.7	58

## INTERCEP-TIONS

	No.	Yds.	Long	TDs
Lockhard .....	4	56	29	1
Williams .....	4	142	18	0

## SCORING

	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	PTs
Gogolak	0	0	0	34	21	97
Ron Johnson	9	5	14	0	0	84
Evans	4	1	5	0	0	30
Tucker	1	4	5	0	0	30
Herrmann	0	5	5	0	0	30
Houston	0	3	3	0	0	18
Orduna	1	1	2	0	0	12

# New York All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Alex Webster, with 4,085 yards in 1,213 carries for 39 TDs	(1955-'64)
Frank Gifford, with 3,704 yards in 863 carries for 35 TDs	(1952-'60, '62-'64)

## PASSING

Charlie Conerly, with 1,418 completions in 2,833 attempts for 172 TDs	(1948-'61)
Fran Tarkenton, with 1,051 completions in 1,898 attempts for 105 TDs	(1967-'71)

## PASS RECEIVING

Joe Morrison, with 395 receptions for 4,993 yards and 47 TDs	(1959-'72)
Frank Gifford, with 367 receptions for 5,434 yards and 44 TDs	(1952-'60, '62-'64)

## INTERCEPTIONS

Emlien Tunnell, with 74 interceptions	(1948-'59)
Jim Patton, with 52 interceptions	(1955-'66)

## SCORING

Pete Gogolak with 519 points	(1966-'72)
Frank Gifford, with 484 points	(1952-'60, '62-'64)



***Veteran quarterback Norn Snead had his best year ever, leading the entire NFL in passing in 1972.***

# PHILADELPHIA EAGLES



*The Eagles' defense has always been a spirited one ... as this New Orleans' runner is about to find out in a hurry from four Eagles.*

■The Philadelphia Eagles fell on hard times in 1972 with a 2-11-1 record after a strong second half showing the previous season. The idea now is to turn things around, and a strong new coaching staff, plus some outstanding selections in the draft should get the Eagles back on their way again.

New head coach Mike McCormack comes from the Washington Redskins, and he has formed an outstanding staff of assistants to work with him. The draft produced some potentially powerful players in tackle Jerry Sismore of Texas, tight end Charlie Young of Southern California and guard Guy Morriss of TCU. Besides that, should a new spirit prevail, the Eagles have plenty of veteran talent as well, like NFC pass receiving champion Harold Jackson. All-Pro safetyman Bill

Bradley, and tough defensive people like Mel Tom and Richard Harris. The addition of running back Norm Bulaich from Baltimore should also help.

The battle for the quarterback spot is between Pete Liske, a veteran, and young John Reaves who had a spotty rookie campaign last year. Should Reaves develop, that spirit be regained, rookies produce, then Philadelphia should be back on the right track again.

The Eagles have twice switched owners and four times changed coaches since winning the 1960 NFL championship. Stability might well be on the comeback trail here too. Philadelphia fans are rabid, and have been patient ... maybe now the rewards that are sought to be reaped by fans of all clubs are within reach. ●

# Philadelphia Veteran Roster

Pro					Pro						
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	AgeYr.
53	Absher, D.	LB	6-4	235	29 7	72	Key, W.	T	6-5	245	26 4
39	Alexander K.	S	5-11	187	32 11	87	Kramer, K.	TE	6-4	235	29 6
54	Allen, C.	LB	6-0	225	33 13	14	Liske, P.	QB	6-2	200	31 6
75	Antwine, H.	DT	6-0	270	34 12	63	Luken, T.	G	6-3	253	23 2
11	Arrington, R.	QB	6-3	200	26 4	78	Mass, W.	T	6-4	245	27 6
31	Bailley, T.	RB	6-2	211	24 3	36	McNeill, T.	P	6-1	195	31 7
38	Baker, T.	RB	5-11	229	28 6	26	Nelson, A.	CB	5-11	186	29 9
46	Bouggess, L.	RB	6-2	210	25 3	68	Nordquist, M.	G	6-4	246	27 6
28	Bradley, B.	S-P	5-11	190	26 5	56	Overmyer, B.	LB	6-3	220	24 2
	Bulaich, N.	RB	6-1	218	26 4	88	Pettigrew, G.	DT	6-5	255	28 8
95	Bunting, J.	LB	6-1	220	23 2		Philbin, G.	DE	6-2	245	31 10
17	Carmichael, H.	WR	6-8	225	23 3	50	Porter, R.	LB	6-3	232	28 7
66	Cody, B.	LB	6-1	230	29 7	24	Ramsey, N.	CB	6-1	200	32 11
8	Coleman, A.	S	6-0	183	29 6	6	Reaves, J.	QB	6-3	210	23 2
58	Creech, B.	LB	6-3	228	24 3	70	Skaggs, J.	G	6-3	250	33 11
47	Crowe, L.	RB	6-1	198	23 2	74	Smith, S.	T	6-5	250	29 7
19	Dempsey, T.	K	6-1	255	26 4	96	Sodaski, J.	LB	6-2	222	25 3
81	Estes, L.	DE	6-6	250	26 4	73	Stevens, R.	T	6-4	240	25 4
59	Evans, M.	C	6-5	250	27 6	55	Sturm, J.	C	6-3	260	36 13
45	Gibbs, P.	CB	5-10	188	23 2	25	Sullivan, T.	RB	6-0	190	23 2
84	Harris, R.	DE	6-5	260	25 3	99	Tom, M.	DE	6-4	249	32 7
18	Hawkins, B.	WR	6-1	180	29 8	9	Walik, B.	WR	5-11	180	25 4
80	Hoss, C.	TE	6-8	235	24 2	7	Ward, J.	QB	6-2	200	29 6
83	Hultz, D.	DT	6-3	241	32 11	34	Watkins, L.	RB	6-2	230	26 5
29	Jackson, H.	WR	5-10	175	27 6	67	Winfield, V.	G	6-2	248	24 2
27	James, R.	RB	6-1	202	24 2		Wright, S.	T	6-6	250	31 10
51	Kelley, I.	LB	5-11	220	29 7	89	Zabel, S.	LB	6-4	235	25 4

\*Traded to Los Angeles

## Philadelphia Schedule

September 16	.....ST. LOUIS	.....1:00 p.m.
September 23	.....at New York Giants	.....1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....WASHINGTON	.....1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....at Buffalo	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....at St. Louis	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....at Minnesota	.....1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....DALLAS	.....1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....NEW ENGLAND	.....1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....ATLANTA	.....1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....at Dallas	.....1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....NEW YORK GIANTS	.....1:00 p.m.
December 2	.....at San Francisco	.....1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....NEW YORK JETS	.....1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....at Washington	.....1:00 p.m.

(All times local, daylight or standard)



# Philadelphia Key Players



**BILL BRADLEY, DB, 5-11, 190, 5th Yr., Age 26, Texas**

Key man in secondary, he again made All-Pro and Pro Bowl in 1972, after nine interceptions for 73 yards returned. Now has 20 interceptions in past two seasons for NFL highs. Also the punter and punt return specialist! Top competitor.

**MIKE EVANS, C, 6-5, 250, 6th Yr., Age 27, Boston College**

A No. 11 draft choice back in 1968, he has come on to become the leader of the offensive line and has started every game for the past three years. Tough and durable, he's also a hitter and has the potential to become an All-Pro candidate.



**RICHARD HARRIS, DE, 6-5, 260, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Grambling**

A No. 1 choice in 1971, he stepped right into starting role as a rookie and made the NFL's All-Rookie team. His strong suit is in pass rushing and he can do his number as well as anyone in this aspect of the game. Fine speed and agility.

**BEN HAWKINS, WR, 6-1, 180, 8th Yr., Age 29, Arizona State**  
Nicknamed the Hawk, he gives the Eagles some outstanding speed and talent at wide receiver in concert with Harold Jackson. Grabbed 30 passes for 512 yards last year, now has caught 255 in his career with 32 of them going for touchdowns.



**DON HULTZ, DT, 6-3, 245, 10th Yr., Age 32, So. Mississippi**

Originally a free agent with Vikings in 1963, came to the Eagles in a 1964 trade and has been dependable performer ever since. Defensive co-captain, he's a tough man against the run. Holds NFL record for most recovered fumbles in a season (9).

**HAROLD JACKSON, WR, 5-10, 175, 6th Yr., Age 27, Jackson State**  
Came to Eagles from Rams in a 1969 trade, and last year proved the sagacity of that trade by winning NFC pass receiving title with 62 catches for 1,048 yards and four TDs. Also named to the All-NFL team and to the Pro Bowl. Great speed, moves, hands.



**RON JAMES, RB, 6-1, 202, 2d Yr., Age 24, New Mexico State**

Known as "Po", this young runner enjoyed an outstanding rookie season with the Eagles, leading the team in rushing with 565 yards. He also caught 20 passes for another 156 yards. Has outstanding balance, ability to get off the ball quickly.

**WADE KEY, T, 6-5, 245, 4th Yr., Age 26, S. West Tex. State**  
A No. 13 draft choice in 1969, he spent a year in the minor leagues, but battled his way back to gain a starting job in 1970 and earn a berth on the NFL's All-Rookie team. Has continued his improvement yearly, now rates among best.



*\*Traded to Los Angeles*



**PETE LISKE, QB, 6-2, 195, 10th Yr., Age 31, Penn State**

Came to Eagles from Denver in 1971 and turned in a strong second half of season that year. Shared time with rookie John Reaves last year. Had 71 completions for 973 yards and three TDs. Has lots of savvy, good man in the clutch.

**TOM LUKEN, G, 6-3, 255, 2d Yr., Age 23, Purdue**

No. 3 draft choice last year, he came to camp and did his job to win himself a starting opportunity. Proved to be a fast learner, keen competitor. Fires out well on running plays, improving on-pass blocking. Has fine future.



**AL NELSON, DB, 6-0, 190, 9th Yr., Age 30, Cincinnati**

Dependable and veteran cornerback had some injury problems last year, but remains a solid performer in that secondary. Sure tackler, has 13 career interceptions and also owns NFL record for longest return of missed FG, 101 yards vs. Dallas.

**MEL TOM, DE, 6-4, 250, 7th Yr., Age 32, San Jose State**

Drafted as a future by the Eagles back in 1967, he made it big his rookie year as a starter and won a spot on NFL's All-Rookie team. Continues to be an outstanding defensive end with exceptional pass rushing abilities. Hits hard.



**STEVE ZABEL, LB, 6-4, 240, 4th Yr., Age 25, Oklahoma**

No. 1 draft choice in 1970, has played both tight end and LB. Missed half the season in '72 with a knee injury, but is fully recovered now and should be a starter at LB this year. Big, strong and wide ranging.



**Mike McCormack**  
*Head Coach*

Mike McCormack brings the optimism of a perpetual winner to his new head coaching assignment with the Eagles after seven years with the Washington Redskins as offensive line coach, but is realistic enough to know that his new club must improve in virtually every area to

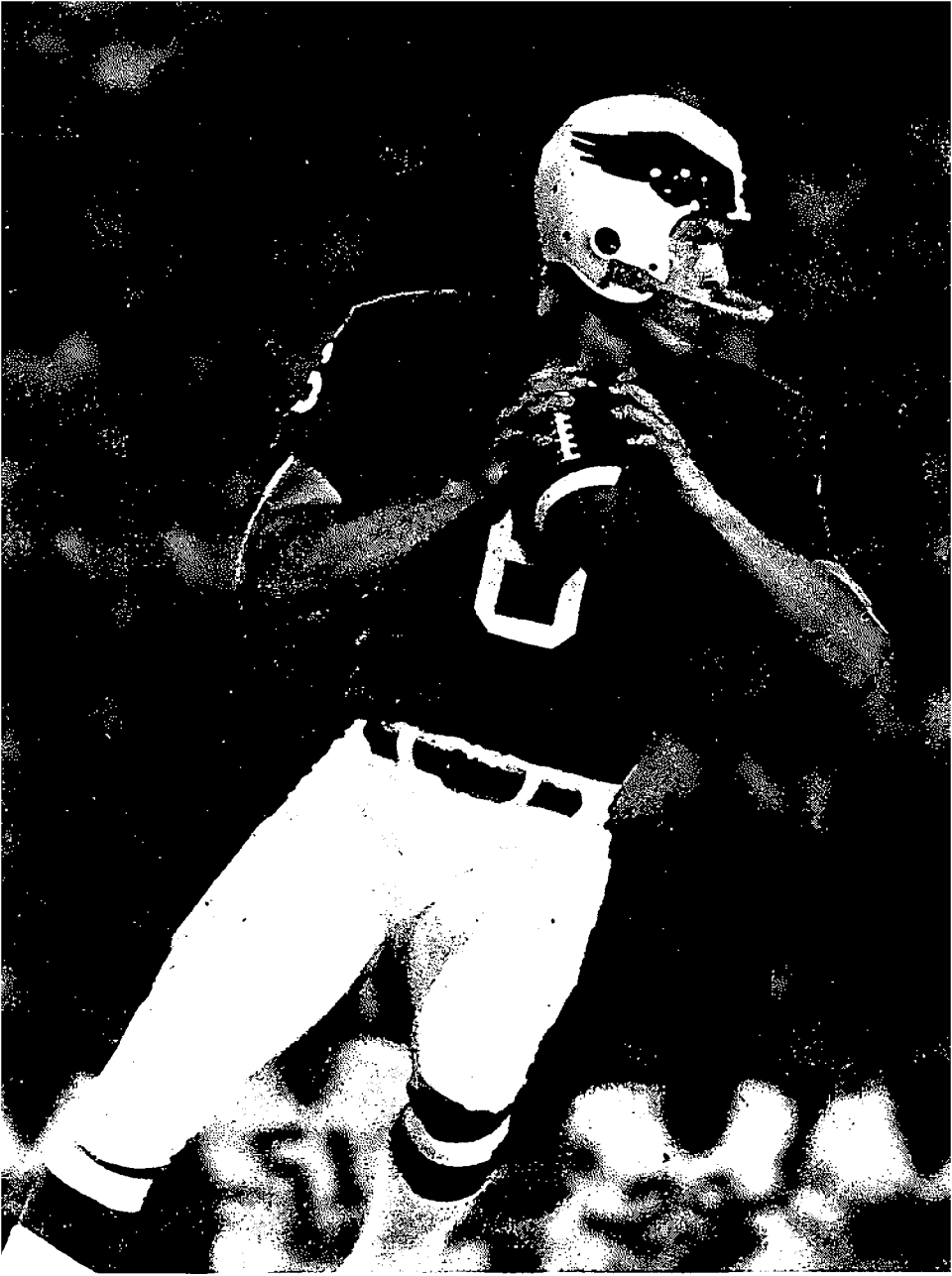
become a contender. McCormack was a first draft choice of the old New York Yanks after starring at Kansas, but after that franchise moved to Dallas, Mike went into the Army for two years and did not get into his pro career until 1954 when he joined the Cleveland Browns and became an outstanding player, winning six Pro Bowl designations with the powerful Browns. The 43-year-old coach is a native of Chicago, and after his playing days was associated for a brief time with the Kansas City Chiefs before going to the Redskins in 1966 as an assistant coach. The rapid advance of the Redskins in the past two years can be attributed not only to George Allen—McCormack did a truly fine job as well, and now brings a wealth of experience to his first job as head coach.

# Philadelphia 1972 Club Leaders

RUSHING						KICKOFF RET.						
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	
James .....	182	565	3.1	22	0	Nelson .....	25	728	29.12	78	0	
Baker .....	90	322	3.6	14	0	Walik .....	21	466	22.2	35	0	
Watkins .....	67	262	3.9	28	1	Sullivan .....	3	72	24.0	34	0	
Reaves .....	18	109	6.3	16	1	Gibbs .....	3	61	20.3	23	0	
Jackson .....	9	76	8.4	34	0	Winfield .....	3	9	3.0	9	0	
Bailey .....	7	22	3.1	5	0							
Liske .....	7	20	2.9	9	0							
Sullivan .....	13	13	1.0	4	0							
PASSING						PUNT RET.						
	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Reaves .....	224	108	48.21	508	7	12	Bradley .....	22	155	7.0	60	0
Liske .....	138	71	51.5	973	3	7	Walik .....	3	4	1.3	10	0
Arrington .....	13	5	38.6	46	0	1						
Pass Rec.						PUNTING						
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	
Jackson .....	62	1048	16.9	77	4	Bradley .....	562	250	40.2	60		
Hawkins .....	30	512	17.1	67	1	McNeill .....	7	290	41.4	51		
Carmichael .....	20	276	13.8	54	2							
James .....	20	156	7.8	35	1							
Baker .....	16	114	7.1	14	0							
Kramer .....	11	176	16.0	29	1							
Ballman .....	9	183	20.3	43	0							
INTERCEPTIONS						SCORING						
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FGPTs	
Bradley .....	9	73	8.1	21	0	Dempsey .....	0	0	0	11	20	71
Ramsey .....	3	14	4.7	10	0	Jackson .....	0	4	4	0	0	24
Porter .....	2	10	5.0	7	0	Carmichael .....	0	2	2	0	0	12
Keyes .....	2	0	0.0	0	0	Hawkins .....	0	1	1	0	0	6
						Kramer .....	0	1	1	0	0	6
						James .....	0	1	1	0	0	6
						Reaves .....	1	0	1	0	0	6
						Walik .....	0	1	1	0	0	6
						Watkins .....	1	0	1	0	0	6

# Philadelphia All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING			
Steve Van Buren, with 1,320 carries for 5,860 yards			(1944-'61)
Timmy Brown, with 850 carries for 3,703 yards			(1960-'67)
PASSING			
Norm Snead with 1,154 completions in 2,236 attempts for 15,672 yards and 111 TDs			(1969-'70)
PASS RECEIVING			
Pete Retzlaff, with 452 receptions for 7,412 yards			(1956-'66)
Pete Pihos, with 373 receptions for 5,619 yards			(1947-'55)
Bobby Watson, with 311 receptions for 5,363 yards			(1951-'62)
INTERCEPTIONS			
Don Burroughs, with 29			(1960-'64)
Joe Scarpati, with 24			(1964-'69, '71)
SCORING			
Bobby Watson, with 881 points			(1951-'62)
Sam Baker, with 475 points			(1964-'69)



*Rookie quarterback John Reaves gets ready to fire away. Youngster could have a fine future.*

# SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS



*Quarterback Steve Spurrier stepped in for injured John Brodie in 1972 and fired 18 TD passes.*

■ By now veteran contenders, albeit frustrated veteran contenders, the San Francisco 49ers head into the 1973 season facing a rugged schedule and nagged by a few problems that could cause trouble en route to a fourth consecutive winning season.

Since its inception in 1970, the

NFC's Western Division has known only one champion—San Francisco. And the 49ers are the only team in the NFL to have won three consecutive divisional titles under the current setup.

Despite that record of success, the 49ers have also lived with frustration in each of the three years because they have not been able to break through the NFL's championship round and into the Super Bowl.

In 1972, the club's running game, which had ranked fifth the previous season, dropped to a puzzling 10th and was inconsistent. Injuries were a factor, but coach Dick Nolan realizes that his running attack must again get into high gear if the goals are to be attained.

Quarterback John Brodie, the cool, solid veteran, was injured most of 1972, but Steve Spurrier did a noble job in relief, and Brodie did come back to win the final clinching victory in the division. Brodie, fully recovered now, has a solid veteran team sprinkled with All-Pros such as Gene Washington, Ted Kwalick and Forrest Blue and a lot of tradition too.

The 49ers continue to be a solid defensive team. Emphasis on defense is a philosophy brought by Nolan from his days with both the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants and this helps make them a contender.

This will be a team that will be in the best traditions of former great 49er clubs, with names to be added to already renowned players like Y.A. Tittle, Norm Standlee, Frankie Albert, Hugh McElhenny and Joe Perry. •

# San Francisco Veteran Roster

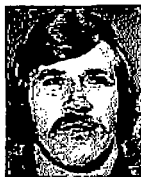
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro	
					Age	Yr.						Age	Yr.
79	Banaszek, C.	T	6-3	254	27	6	49	McGill, R.	CB	5-11	183	23	2
50	Beard, E.	LB	6-2	216	33	9	57	Nunley, F.	LB	6-2	229	27	7
83	Beasley, T.	WR	5-10	184	22	2	84	Olerich, D.	LB	6-1	220	29	7
65	Beister, R.	G	6-5	261	28	8	69	Peoples, W.	G	6-2	252	30	6
72	Belk, B.	DE	6-4	256	27	6	32	Phillips, M.	S	6-2	198	31	8
75	Blue, F.	C	6-5	261	28	6	19	Reed, J.	QB	6-1	195	25	2
12	Brodie, J.	QB	6-2	206	38	17	85	Riley, P.	WR	6-0	187	24	4
66	Collett, E.	G	6-5	244	28	7	76	Rohde, L.	T	6-4	247	35	14
42	Cunningham, D.	RB	5-11	200	28	7	35	Schreiber, L.	RB	6-0	210	25	3
74	Edwards, E.	DT	6-7	260	27	5	38	Simpson, M.	S	5-9	170	26	4
23	Fuller, J.	S	6-0	186	27	6	58	Sniadecki, J.	LB	6-2	230	26	5
30	Gossett, B.	K	6-1	204	31	10	11	Spurrier, S.	QB	6-2	204	28	7
43	Hall, W.	S-CB	5-11	178	23	2	44	Taylor, B.	CB	6-0	193	25	4
86	Hardman, C.	DE	6-4	255	24	4	24	Thomas, J.	RB	6-2	214	26	5
53	Hart, T.	DE	6-4	245	28	6		Tucker, B.	RB	6-2	219	29	6
56	Hoskins, B.	DT	6-3	251	28	4	52	Vanderbundt, S.	LB	6-3	225	26	5
54	Huff, M.	LB	6-2	234	24	2	18	Washington, G.	WR	6-2	185	26	5
17	Isenbarger, J.	RB	6-3	196	26	4	22	Washington, V.	RB	5-11	197	26	3
37	Johnson, J.	CB	6-2	187	35	13	67	Watson, J.	T	6-4	249	24	3
70	Krueger, C.	DT	6-4	255	36	15	64	Wilcox, D.	LB	6-3	241	30	9
78	Krueger, R.	DT	6-4	253	25	5	40	Willard, K.	RB	6-1	219	30	9
82	Kwalick, T.	TE	6-4	226	26	5	88	Witcher, D.	TE	6-3	204	28	8
15	McCann, J.	P	6-3	166	24	3							

## San Francisco Schedule

September 16	.....at Miami	.....1:00 p.m.
September 23	.....at Denver	.....2:00 p.m.
September 30	.....LOS ANGELES	.....1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....at Atlanta	.....1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....MINNESOTA	.....1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....NEW ORLEANS	.....1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....ATLANTA	.....1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....at Detroit	.....4:00 p.m.
November 11	.....at Washington	.....1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....at Los Angeles	.....1:00 p.m.
November 26	.....GREEN BAY (Mon.)	.....6:00 p.m.
December 2	.....PHILADELPHIA	.....1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....at New Orleans	.....1:00 p.m.
December 15	.....PITTSBURGH (Sat.)	.....1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# San Francisco Key Players



**FORREST BLUE**, Center, 6-5, 261, 6th Yr., Age 28, Auburn  
Two-year All-Pro and Pro Bowl starter who combines outstanding size with excellent athletic ability. Became 49er starter at the outset of the 1969 season after being the club's No. 1 draft choice in 1968. Survived shoulder and ankle problems in 1972, missed only two plays.

**JOHN BRODIE**, QB, 6-2, 206, 17th Yr., Age 38, Stanford  
Missed eight games of the 1972 regular season due to an ankle injury, but came back in the final quarter of the final game to throw two TD passes to lead 49ers to a 20-17 win over Minnesota and their 3rd-consecutive NFC West title. Now has completed 2,371 of 4,297 passes attempted in his brilliant career for 30,422 yards and 211 TDs.



**BRUCE GOSSETT**, K, 6-1, 204, 10th Yr., Age 31, Richmond  
Has led 49ers in scoring in each of the three seasons since coming to the club from the Rams prior to the 1970 season. Now ranks 10th among all-time NFL scorers with 869 points gained from 182 field goals and 323 extra points. Hit 18 of 29 attempts for a strong .621 percentage in 1972.

**CEDRICK HARDMAN**, DE, 6-4, 255, 4th Yr., Age 24, North Texas  
Came off of major off-season knee surgery prior to the 1972 season to re-establish himself as one of the better young defensive players in the NFL. Was not expected to play until midseason, but was in starting lineup from the first and one of the key factors in establishing 49ers as top QB sackers in the NFL in 1972.



**TOMMY HART**, DE, 6-4, 245, 6th Yr., Age 28, Morris Brown  
Won 49er Eshmont Award as "most inspirational" and established himself among the league's top defensive ends with 17 individual QB sackings among 46 un-assisted tackles. Originally 10th-round draft choice prior to 1968 season, reported as a linebacker prospect weighing 213 pounds.

**JIMMY JOHNSON**, CB, 6-2, 187, 13th Yr., Age 35, UCLA  
Tough, expert defensive back who has been All-Pro and Pro Bowl starter each of the past four seasons. Enjoys total respect by opponents' offenses and is considered by many the best cornerback playing. Has been 11-yr. starter with 49er secondary after spending the 2nd season of his career on offense.



**CHARLIE KRUEGER**, DT, 6-4, 255, 15th Yr., Age 36, Texas A&M  
Expert defensive lineman whom coaches describe as a "text book in action" on the field. Has been a 49er defensive starter since 1959 after having missed what would have been his rookie season with broken arm. Was No. 1 draft choice prior to 1958 season.

**TED KWALICK**, TE, 6-4, 226, 5th Yr., Age 26, Penn State  
Superbly gifted athlete who is just hitting his stride as one of the NFL's top tight ends. Was All-Pro last year and started in the Pro Bowl for the 2nd year. Caught 40 passes for 751 yds. (18.8 avg.) and nine TDs last year. Was No. 1 draft choice prior to 1969, along with Gene Washington.





**WOODY PEOPLES, G, 6-2, 252, 6th Yr., Age 30, Grambling**  
Long underrated guard who begins his fifth season as 49er starter. Played in the Pro Bowl last year. Has not missed an offensive play in four years. Strong pulling guard and pass blocker. Came to 49ers as free agent prior to 1968 season after two-year service stint.



**STEVE SPURRIER, QB, 6-2, 204, 7th Yr., Age 28, Florida**  
Success story of 1972 when he came off bench for injured John Brodie and became key man in leading 49ers to their third NFC Western Division title. Team was 2-3 when he took over, wound up 8-5-1. Completed 147 of 269 pass attempts for 1,938 yds. and 18 TDs, ranked 4th in NFC, 8th in NFL. No. 1 draft in 1967.



**SKIP VANDERBUNDT, LB, 6-3, 225, 5th Yr., Age 26, Oregon State**  
Had his finest season in 1972. In addition to playing tough against the run, intercepted two passes, ran them both back for TDs patrolling 49er right side. Also ran a recovered fumble in for TD. Established starter for last two years after having overcome early-career injury problems. No. 3 choice prior to 1969 season.



**GENE WASHINGTON, WR, 6-2, 185, 5th Yr., Age 26, Stanford**  
Without question one of the premier wide receivers in the NFL. Has started in the Pro Bowl for four years, been All Pro for two. Led NFL in TD receptions with 12 in 1972. In just four seasons has caught 196 passes for 3,613 yds. (18.1 avg.) and 31 TDs. No. 1 choice, with Kwalick, prior to 1969 season.



**DAVE WILCOX, LB, 6-3, 241, 10th Yr., Age 30, Oregon**  
Four-year All Pro, six-year Pro Bowl performer who has been a nine-year starter as 49er left-side linebacker after having been a No. 3 draft choice prior to the 1964 season. Intercepted three passes in 1972 to bring his career total 11. Rated one of the hardest hitters in the game.



## **Dick Nolan** *Head Coach*

Sixth season since taking over 49ers in 1968, his first head coach job after six years as defensive assistant to Tom Landry with the Dallas Cowboys. Third draft choice of the New York Giants in 1954. Nolan played defensive halfback for nine years with New York, the Chicago Cardinals and the Cowboys, the latter as a player coach in 1962. He became a full time assistant coach in 1963. Played in NFL championship games with the Giants in 1956, 1959, and 1961 and coached in title games with the Cowboys in 1966 and 1967. Coached the 49ers to 9-5 record and NFC Western Division title, their second straight before losing NFC Championship Game to Dallas 14-3. Nolan's four year record 38-27-5. Business Administration graduate of University of Maryland, where he began his football career as a quarterback and was switched to offensive halfback.



# San Francisco 1972 Club Leaders

RUSHING						KICKOFF RET.					
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	
V. Washington	141	468	3.3	33	3	27	771	28.6	98t	1	
Schreiber	118	422	3.6	20	2	10	192	19.2	30	0	
Willard	100	345	3.5	23	4	2	41	20.5	25	0	
Thomas	52	250	4.8	22	1	2	17	8.5	17	0	
Spurrier	11	51	4.6	15	0	2	-1	-1.0	-1	0	
Cunningham	8	32	4.0	12	0						

PASSING							PUNT RET.					
	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	
Spurrier	269	147	54.6	1,983	18	16	22	219	10.0	33	0	
Brodie	110	70	63.6	905	9	8	21	145	6.9	41	0	

Pass Rec.						PUNTING					
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	
G. Washing-	46	918	20.0	62t	12	64	2542	39.7	63		
ton	43	393	9.1	33	1						
V. Washington	40	751	18.8	81t	9						
Kwalick	31	283	9.1	64t	1						
Schreiber	24	131	5.5	15	1						
Willard	15	148	9.9	29	0						
Thomas	11	156	14.2	28t	1						
Riley											

INTERCEPTIONS						SCORING					
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	PTS
Johnson	4	18	4.5	15	0	0	0	0	41	18	95
Wilcox	3	12	4.0	9	0	0	12	12	0	0	72
Vanderbundt	2	58	29.0	37t	2	0	9	9	0	0	54
Simpson	2	32	16.0	32t	1	3	1	4	0	0	30
Taylor	2	4	2.0	2	0	4	1	5	0	0	30
						2	1	3	0	0	18
						0	0	3	0	0	18

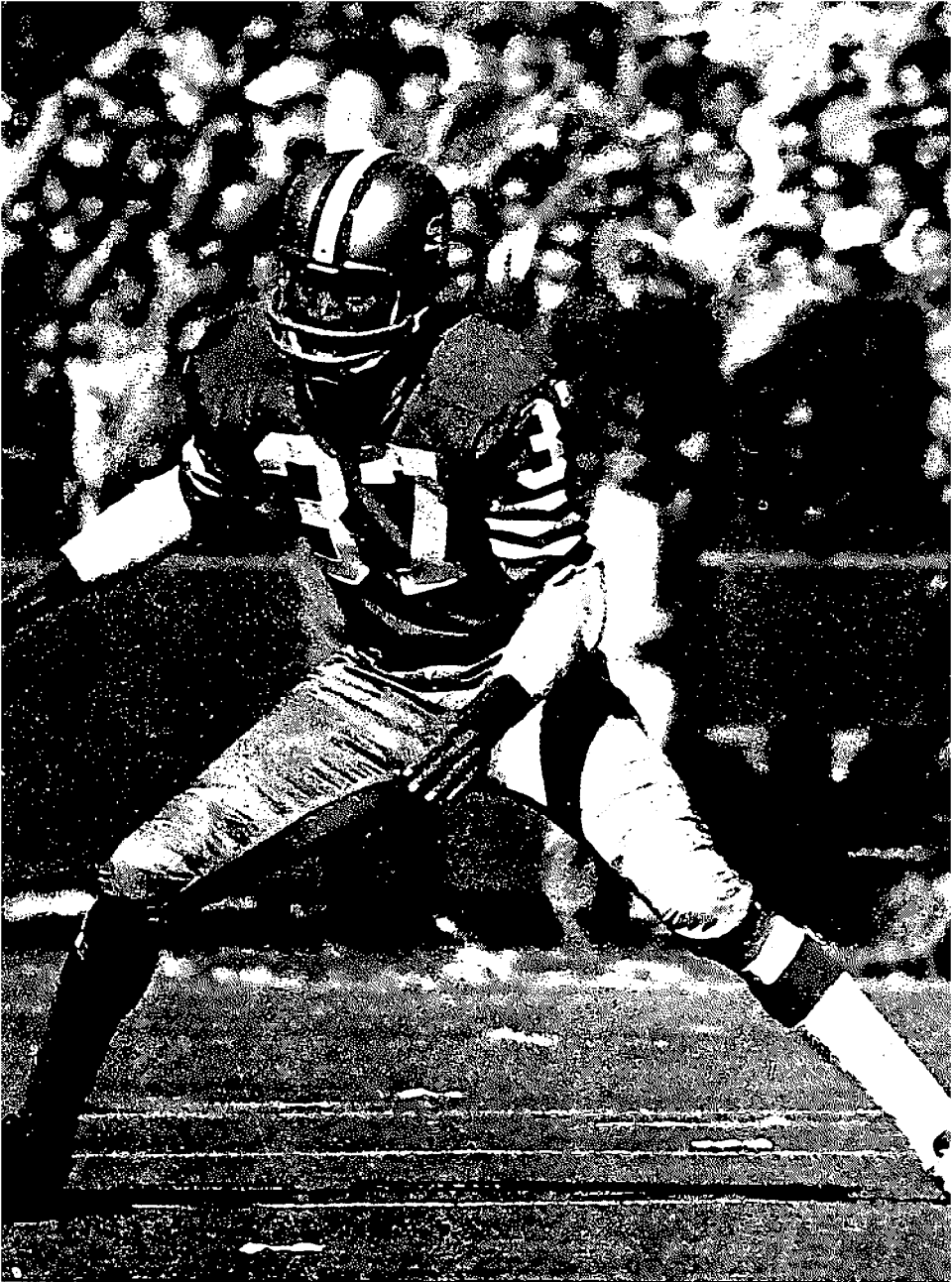
PUNT RET.						PUNTING					
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	
McGill	22	219	10.0	33	0	64	2542	39.7	63		
Taylor	21	145	6.9	41	0						

PUNTING						SCORING					
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FG	PTS
McCann	64	2542	39.7	63		0	0	0	41	18	95
						0	12	12	0	0	72
						0	9	9	0	0	54
						3	1	4	0	0	30
						4	1	5	0	0	30
						2	1	3	0	0	18
						0	0	3	0	0	18

Scored 3TDs on returns

# San Francisco All-Time Club Leaders

RUSHING					
Joe Perry, with 1,475 carries for 7,344 yards			(1950-'40, '63)		
PASSING					
John Brodie, with 2,375 completions in 4,346 attempts for 30,824 yards and 211 TDs			(1957-'72)		
PASS RECEIVING					
Billy Wilson, with 407 receptions for 5,802 yards			(1951-'60)		
INTERCEPTIONS					
Kermit Alexander, with 36			(1963-'69)		
SCORING					
Gordy Soltau, with 644 points			(1950-'58)		
Tommy Davis, with 606 points			(1959-'68)		



*Cornerback Jimmy Johnson (37) is an All-Pro. . . and maybe the best cornerback in the game.*

# ST. LOUIS CARDINALS



*Don Anderson lunges over for a touchdown, escaping grasp of Giants' Ron Hornsby.*

■The Football Cardinals move into 1973—under new head coach Don Coryell—hopeful of regaining winning ways in a division that has rapidly become perhaps the toughest in the National Football League.

Coryell comes to the Cardinals from San Diego State, where in

12 years he posted a 104-19-2 record, a winning percentage of 84 per cent. His complete collegiate coaching mark—including three years as head coach of Whittier College—is 127-24-3.

The 48-year-old Coryell inherits a team that has suffered 4-9-1 records in each of the past two seasons. To improve, the Big Red definitely will need to become more competitive in the rugged five-team NFC Eastern Division—in which its two top teams, Dallas and Washington, met last year for the NFC Championship.

Last season, the Cardinals could post only a 1-6-1 mark against their division opponents while faring 3-3 among non-division teams. In 1971, the Big Red was only 1-7 against the NFC East and 3-2-1 outside the division.

Early-season injuries and year-long offensive inconsistency were the Cardinals' biggest downfalls in 1972. The Big Red began the season with victories in two of their first four games—upset wins over Baltimore and Minnesota—and closed with back-to-back triumphs at home against Los Angeles and Philadelphia. In between, however, was an eight-week famine of seven defeats and a tie that led to an eventual fourth-place division finish.

The club, nonetheless, has been highly representative in recent years and there is no reason why the Cardinals cannot return to contending status. There is ample talent represented on the team as well as tradition. ●

# St. Louis Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro	
					Age	Yr.						Age	Yr.
37	Allen, J.	CB	5-11	190	25	2	80	McFarland, J.	TE	6-5	225	25	4
44	Anderson, D.	RB-P	6-3	210	30	8	73	McMillan, E.	T	6-6	255	35	13
57	Arneson, M.	LB	6-2	220	23	2	58	Miller, T.	LB	6-2	225	27	4
25	Bakken, J.	K	6-0	195	32	12	28	Moore, B.	WR	6-2	210	23	2
54	Banks, T.	C-G	6-1	240	25	3	50	Mulligan, W.	C	6-2	245	26	5
48	Baynham, C.	RB	6-1	205	29	7	76	Palmer, S.	DT	6-3	245	25	3
31	Beatty, C.	S	6-2	205	26	5	30	Person, A.	TE	6-2	220	24	2
89	Beckman, T.	DE	6-5	250	22	2	71	Richardson, J.	DT	6-2	250	28	7
55	Bradley, D.	G	6-3	245	26	5	53	Rivers, J.	LB	6-2	235	27	6
86	Brumm, D.	DE	6-4	245	31	11	23	Roland, J.	RB	6-2	215	30	8
38	Burns, L.	RB	6-1	235	28	3	75	Rowe, B.	DT	6-4	260	28	7
47	Conley, S.	LB	6-2	225	24	2	81	Smith, J.	TE	6-4	235	33	11
72	Dierdorf, D.	T-G	6-4	265	25	3	87	Staggs, J.	LB	6-2	240	29	7
66	Dobler, C.	G	6-3	250	22	2	67	Stallings, L.	LB	6-2	230	31	11
20	Farr, M.	CB	6-1	190	29	8	35	Stegent, L.	RB	6-1	200	25	2
61	Finnie, R.	G	6-3	245	27	5		Taylor, M.	T	6-5	246	28	5
84	Gillette, W.	WR	6-5	200	26	4	42	Tolbert, J.	CB	6-4	202	28	8
85	Gray, M.	WR	5-9	170	24	3	43	Thompson, N.	CB	6-1	175	28	3
49	Hackbart, D.	S	6-3	210	35	12	16	Van Galder, T.	QB	6-1	190	29	2
17	Hart, J.	QB	6-2	200	29	8	40	Washington, E.	CB	6-2	190	23	2
32	Hayden, L.	RB	6-0	210	25	3	22	Wehrli, R.	CB-S	6-1	195	25	5
74	Heron, F.	DT	6-4	260	28	8	42	Wicks, B.	WR	6-3	195	23	2
65	Hutchison, C.	G	6-3	240	24	4	33	Willingham, L.	S	6-1	190	24	3
88	Hyatt, F.	WR	6-3	210	27	6	78	Yankowski, R.	DE	6-5	245	26	3
82	Imhof, M.	DE	6-6	255	23	2	64	Young, B.	G	6-2	260	31	8

## St. Louis Schedule

September 16	.....at Philadelphia	1:00 p.m.
September 23	.....WASHINGTON	1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....at Dallas	1:00 p.m.
October 7	.....OAKLAND	1:00 p.m.
October 14	.....PHILADELPHIA	1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....at Washington	1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....NEW YORK GIANTS	1:00 p.m.
November 4	.....DENVER	1:00 p.m.
November 11	.....at Green Bay	1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....at New York Giants	1:00 p.m.
November 25	.....at Cincinnati	1:00 p.m.
December 2	.....DETROIT	1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....at Atlanta	1:00 p.m.
December 16	.....DALLAS	1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# St. Louis Key Players



**DONNY ANDERSON, RB, 6-3, 210, 8th Yr., Age 30, Texas Tech**  
Obtained in trade with Packers, turned in a top year for the Cardinals, leading the club in rushing with 536 yards and grabbing 28 passes for another 298 yards. Scored six TDs. Also does club's punting. Solid veteran player.

**MARK ARNESON, LB, 6-2, 220, 2d Yr., Age 23, Arizona**  
No. 2 draft choice last year after winning All-American honors in college, he stepped right into a starting role at linebacker and proved to be an outstanding prospect. Great versatility, he's quick, good hitter and rugged.



**JIM BAKKEN, K, 6-0, 195, 12th Yr., Age 32, Wisconsin**  
Club's all-time scoring leader and still one of the most dependable place kickers in the league. Kicked 14 field goals in 1972 to run his career total to 189. His career scoring is now past the 900 point mark for St. Louis.

**DON BRUMM, DE, 6-4, 245, 11th Yr., Age 31, Purdue**  
Originally signed by St. Louis in 1963, he went to the Eagles in 1971-72 and is now back with his original club for whom he starred for eight seasons. Not the biggest DE in football, but he's a solid veteran with consistency.



**DAN DIERDORF, G, 6-4, 265, 3rd Yr., Age 25, Michigan**  
No. 2 draft choice after All-American career with Michigan, he's had two solid seasons with Cardinals. Big, he can do the 40 in 4.9. Extremely consistent, his speed helps on pulling to lead sweeps. Good pass blocker too.

**WALKER GILLETTE, WR, 6-5, 200, 4th Yr., Age 26, Richmond**  
Came to club in trade with San Diego and turned in fine first season with Cardinals. Big and swift, he caught 33 passes for 550 yards and two TDs, one a 65-yarder. Had only 12 catches in two years as sub with Chargers.



**JIM HART, QB, 6-2, 200, 8th Yr., Age 29, So. Illinois**  
Veteran QB shared time with Gary Cuozzo last year, but now ranks No. 1 again since Cuozzo's off-season retirement. Hart was 60-for-119 for 857 yards and five TDs last year, career totals however, show 761 completions, 62 TD throws.

**BOBBY MOORE, WR, 6-2, 210, 2d Yr., Age 23, Oregon**  
No. 1 draft choice last year after All-American career, he won starting job at wide receiver although he was primarily a RB in college. Caught 29 passes for 500 yards, one which went for 98 yards. Has fine future.





**JOHN ROLAND, RB, 6-2, 215, 8th Yr., Age 30, Missouri**

Solid veteran surpassed Charley Trippi as Cardinals' all-time yardage leader in 1972 when he carried 105 times for 414 yards. Now has 3,608 yards rushing. Led club with 38 catches in '72, now has 131 lifetime.

**BOB ROWE, DT, 6-4, 260, 7th Yr., Age 28, West. Michigan**

Stepped into starting role in his second season and has been doing a solid job ever since. Strong and highly spirited player who rates as fine pass rusher and just as strong against the run. Scored TD in '69 via interception.



**JACKIE SMITH, TE, 6-4, 235, 11th Yr., Age 33, N. W. Louisiana**

Still going strong, he's club's all-time receiving yardage leader with 6,588 yards, a lot of real estate. Big, quick and tough he's been in the Pro Bowl five times. Last year he had 26 grabs for 407 yards, rushed five times for 31 yards.

**LARRY STALLINGS, LB, 6-2, 230, 11th Yr., Age 31, Georgia Tech**  
All-Pro linebacker and Pro Bowler finally get recognition which was long overdue. Smart, hard-working outside LB who is tough and mobile. Has scored three TDs in his career, one on interception, two with fumble returns.



**ROGER WEHRLI, DB, 6-1, 195, 5th Yr., Age 25, Missouri**

Has played both corner and safety since being No. 1 draft choice in 1969 and also doubles as outstanding punt return specialist. Was Cards' Rookie of Year in 1969. Has a total of 11 interceptions, 6.6 punt return average, career.

## **Don Coryell** *Head Coach*



Don Coryell, highly-successful head coach at San Diego State, where in 12 years he won 84 per cent of his games, is the new head coach of the St. Louis Football Cardinals. Since being named head coach at San Diego State in 1961, Coryell compiled a 12-year record of 104-19-2, including a 10-1 mark last season. Prior to 1961, San Diego State had recorded only two winning seasons since 1954 and had won only two games in the two seasons combined before Coryell took over. Before moving to San Diego State, Coryell had been head coach at Whittier College, having succeeded George Allen, now head coach of the Washington Redskins. In three seasons at Whittier, Coryell produced a 23-5-1 record and three conference championships. His 1959 team led the nation's college division teams in total offense and passing. In 15 years as head coach, Coryell has a record of 127-24-3 (83.4%) and the distinction of every season having been a winning one. He has three unbeaten seasons to his credit—11-0 in 1966, 9-0-1 in 1968 and 11-0 in 1969. Coryell-coached San Diego State teams won 25 consecutive games from 1965-66.

# St. Louis 1972 Club Leaders

RUSHING						KICKOFF RET.						
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	
Anderson ...	153	536	3.5	19	4	Moore .....	20	437	21.9	37	0	
Roland .....	105	414	3.9	18	2	Gray .....	17	378	22.2	29	0	
Burns .....	26	69	2.7	16	2	Willingham ....	9	194	21.6	28	0	
Moore .....	9	44	4.9	15	0	Butler .....	4	85	21.2	27	0	
Baynham ....	17	43	2.5	11	0							
Smith .....	5	31	6.2	17	0							
Van Galder ..	9	28	3.1	16	0							
PASSING						PUNT RET.						
	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Cuozzo .....	158	69	43.7	897	5	11	Willingham ....	9	41	4.6	13	0
Hart .....	119	60	50.4	857	5	5	Wehrli .....	5	24	4.8	22	0
Van Galder ..	79	40	50.6	434	1	7	Gray .....	2	-4	-4.0	-4	0
PASS REC.						PUNTING						
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	
Roland .....	38	321	8.4	27	2	Anderson ...	72	2847	39.5	61		
Gillette .....	33	550	16.7	65t	2	Bakken .....	1	26	26.0	26		
Moore .....	29	500	17.2	98	3							
Anderson ...	28	298	10.4	29	2							
Smith .....	26	407	15.7	71	2							
INTERCEP-TIONS						SCORING						
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		TDR	TDP	TDsPAT	FG	PTs	
Wilson .....	3	35	13.7	24	0	Bakken .....	0	0	0	19	14	61
Farr .....	3	21	7.0	21	0	Anderson .....	4	2	6	0	0	36
McGill .....	2	28	14.0	26	0	Roland .....	2	2	4	0	0	24
						Moore .....	0	3	3	0	0	18
						Burns .....	2	0	2	0	0	12
						Smith .....	0	2	2	0	0	12
						Thompson .....	0	0	0	0	0	12
						Gillette .....	0	2	2	0	0	12

# St. Louis All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Johnny Roland with 962 carries for 3,608 yards (1966-'72)  
 Charley Trippi, with 687 carries for 3,511 yards (1947-'55)  
 John David Crow, with 784 carries for 3,489 yards (1958-'64)

## PASSING

Charley Johnson, with 1,030 completions in 2,047 attempts for 14,298 yards and 108 TDs (1951-'69)

## PASS RECEIVING

Bobby Joe Conrad, with 418 receptions (1958-'68)  
 Jackie Smith, with 393 receptions (1963-'72)

## INTERCEPTIONS

Larry Wilson, with 52 (1960-'72)  
 Dick Lane, with 30 (1954-'59)  
 Pat Fischer, with 29 (1961-'67)

## SCORING

Jim Bakken, with 905 points (1962-'72)  
 Pat Harder, with 389 points (1946-'50)  
 Bobby Joe Conrad, with 389 points (1958-'68)

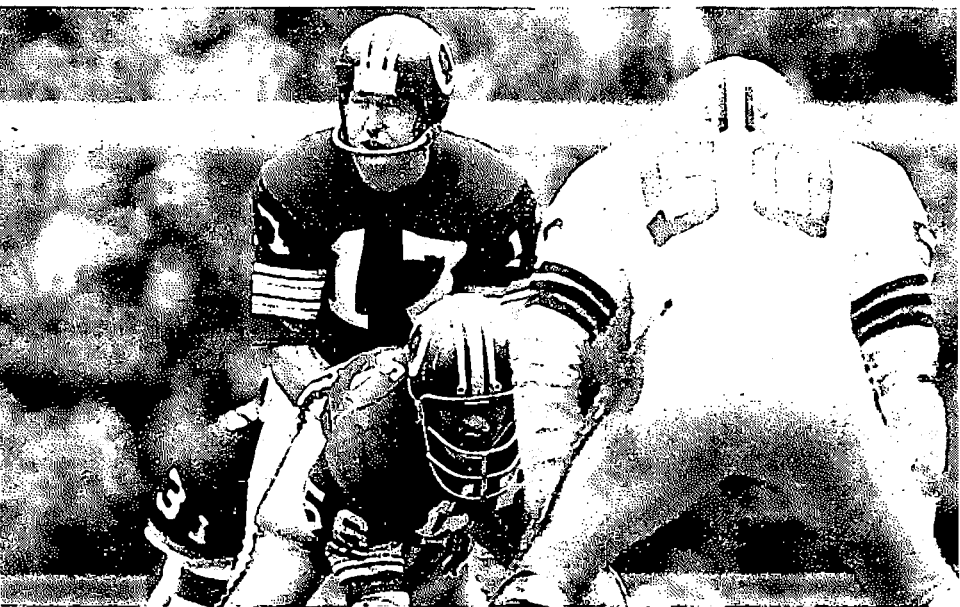
\*Scored 2 TDs on Return



*Larry Wilson (8), Mark Arneson (57) and Larry Willingham (33) gang up on Giants' Bob Tucker.*



# WASHINGTON REDSKINS



*Quarterback Billy Kilmer looks over the defense as the Redskins get set to roll.*

■ A World Championship game in just two years. The most victories, 11, in the 36-year history of the Washington Redskins.

This is what Redskin Head Coach George Allen has accomplished in his brief two years directing the fortunes of the Redskins.

The Super Bowl World Championship game was preceded in 1971 during his first year by winning a spot in the National Football League playoffs with the second best record in the NFC, 9-4-1. This was the first time in the era of modern professional football that a Redskin team was involved in a championship playoff since 1945. The nine wins in 1971 were the most for a Redskin team in 29 years. The 11-3-0

record in 1972 represents the most wins in Redskin history. The nine wins in 1971 were the most since 1942. Since that winning season, before Allen came, the Redskins had only six winning seasons and two break even years.

Also, it had been 30 years ago that the Redskins won a title game at home, before their 16-3 playoff victory over the Central Division Champion Green Bay Packers and their 26-3 victory for the NFC Championship over the defending World Champion Dallas Cowboys.

This is what Allen has accomplished for the Redskins and the Nation's Capital in these two years. Can he do it again? •

# Washington Veteran Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro		No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Pro	
					Age	Yr.						Age	Yr.
	Andrews, A.	LB	6-3	225	28	3	53	McClinton, H.	LB	6-2	235	26	5
41	Bass, M.	CB	6-0	190	28	6		Miller, F.	DT	6-3	250	32	11
89	Biggs, V.	DE	6-4	275	30	9	28	Mul-Key, H.	RB	6-0	190	23	2
	4 Bragg, M.	P	5-11	186	26	6	40	Nock, G.	RB	5-10	205	27	5
43	Brown, L.	RB	5-11	195	26	5		Nunamaker, J.	DT	6-3	258	27	4
77	Brundige, B.	DT	6-5	270	24	4	23	Owens, B.	S	5-11	190	30	8
26	Brunet, B.	RB	6-1	205	27	5	32	Pardee, J.	LB	6-2	225	37	16
58	Burman, G.	C-G	6-3	255	30	8		Pergine, J.	LB	6-1	225	27	5
45	Duncan, L.	S	5-10	180	31	10	16	Petitbon, R.	S	6-3	208	35	15
37	Fischer, P.	CB	5-9	170	33	13	66	Pottios, M.	LB	6-2	232	34	13
55	Hanburger, C.	LB	6-2	218	32	9		Robinson, D.	LB	6-3	245	32	9
31	Harraway, C.	RB	6-2	215	28	8	76	Rock, W.	T	6-5	255	31	11
56	Hauss, L.	C	6-2	235	31	10	62	Schoenke, R.	G	6-4	250	32	10
75	Hermeling, T.	T	6-5	255	26	3	64	Sistrunk, M.	DT	6-5	265	26	4
	Houston, K.	S	6-3	197	28	8		Smith, D.	DE	6-4	245	24	2
25	Hull, M.	RB	6-3	220	27	5		Smith, J.	CB	6-2	205	25	2
48	Jaqua, J.	S	6-0	190	25	4	87	Smith, J.	TE	6-3	208	30	9
80	Jefferson, R.	WR	6-2	195	29	9		Spilis, J.	WR	6-3	205	25	4
63	Johnson, M.	T	6-4	250	31	8	72	Talbert, D.	DT	6-5	255	29	7
82	Jones, J.	DE	6-5	215	28	4	19	Taliaferro, M.	QB	6-2	202	31	10
30	Jordan, J.	RB	6-1	215	28	4	42	Taylor, C.	WR	6-3	210	31	10
	9 Jurgensen, S.	QB	6-0	203	39	17	22	Taylor, R.	S	5-11	186	35	13
17	Kilmer, B.	QB	6-0	204	33	12	67	Tillman, R.	LB	6-2	230	27	4
50	Kiner, S.	LB	6-1	220	26	4	29	Vactor, T.	CB	6-0	185	29	5
	5 Knight, C.	K	6-2	190	30	5	60	Wilbur, J.	G	6-3	251	30	8
73	Laaveg, P.	G	6-4	245	24	4		Williams, C.	WR	6-3	210	25	2
20	Mason, T.	RB	6-1	195	34	13		Williams, C.	CB	6-2	194	29	9
	McBath, M.	DE	6-4	251	27	6	18	Wyche, S.	QB	6-4	218	28	6
79	McDole, R.	DE	6-4	265	33	13		Zeno, C.	WR	6-4	210	26	2

## Washington Schedule

September 16	.....	SAN DIEGO	.....	1:00 p.m.
September 23	.....	at St. Louis	.....	1:00 p.m.
September 30	.....	at Philadelphia	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 8	.....	DALLAS (Mon.)	.....	9:00 p.m.
October 14	.....	at New York Giants	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 21	.....	ST. LOUIS	.....	1:00 p.m.
October 28	.....	at New Orleans	.....	1:00 p.m.
November 5	.....	at Pittsburgh (mon.)	.....	9:00 p.m.
November 11	.....	SAN FRANCISCO	.....	1:00 p.m.
November 18	.....	BALTIMORE	.....	1:00 p.m.
November 22	.....	at Detroit (Thanks.)	.....	12:15 p.m.
December 2	.....	NEW YORK GIANTS	.....	1:00 p.m.
December 9	.....	at Dallas	.....	3:00 p.m.
December 16	.....	PHILADELPHIA	.....	1:00 p.m.

(All Times Local, Daylight or Standard)

# Washington Key Players



**LARRY BROWN, RB, 5-11, 195, 5th Yr., Age 26, Kansas State**  
 Superman himself, All-NFL, MVP, Pro Bowler, last year he won the rushing title with 1,216 yards, despite missing a couple of games with an injury. Fantastic runner with great drive, balance. Now has 4,177 yards rushing in four years.

**PAT FISCHER, DB, 5-9, 170, 13th Yr., Age 33, Nebraska**  
 Tough, gritty little cornerback seems to get better with age. The key to the secondary, has great reactions, and is loaded with savvy. Hard hitter despite size. Had four interceptions, now has career total of 42 swipes. Quiet, but fine leader.



**ROY JEFFERSON, WR, 6-2, 195, 9th Yr., Age 29, Utah**  
 Another great acquisition by Redskins, the swift veteran turned in a solid job as the outside man with Charley Taylor. Roy caught 35 passes for 550 yards and three TDs during the year and was a constant threat at all times.

**SONNY JURGENSEN, QB, 6-0, 203, 17th Yr., Age 39, Duke**  
 Can he make it back after achilles tendon problems? Great veteran QB was 39-for-59 for 633 yards when injured early in the season and lost for remainder of year. If he does make it back, it gives Redskins powerful tandem of quarterbacks.



**BILLY KILMER, QB, 6-0, 204, 12th Yr., Age 33, UCLA**  
 Got his team into the Super Bowl, and that's the name of the game. Solid veteran is a great leader, like having a coach on the field. Was 120-for-225 for 1,648 yards in '72 and threw for 19 touchdowns, most of them in clutch situations.

**HERB MUL-KEY, RB, 6-0, 190, 2d Yr., Age 23, No College**  
 A real success story for this youngster with no collegiate background, who not only made the team, but turned in some great contributions as reserve RB, kickoff return specialist. Had 26.1 average in kickoff returns. A real speed burner.



**BRIG OWENS, DB, 5-11, 190, 8th Yr., Age 30, Cincinnati**  
 Veteran safetyman has been a key performer for the 'Skins for a long time, whether it be on special teams, as return man or you-name-it. Has had 26 career interceptions for the Redskins, also returned fumble for TD. Hard tackler.

**WALTER ROCK, T, 6-5, 255, 11th Yr., Age 31, Maryland**  
 Came in 1968 trade with San Francisco and has been a standout performer for Washington ever since. Big, very strong and agile, he's an accomplished pass blocker, who also puts zing into that running game as well.





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**JERRY SMITH, TE, 6-3, 208, 9th Yr., Age 30, Arizona State**  
One of the "smaller" tight ends in pro football, Jerry still does a big job year in and year out. Caught only 21 passes last year, but seven were for touchdowns, and now his career receptions have reached 318, 52 TDs.



**DIRON TALBERT, DT, 6-5, 255, 7th Yr., Age 29, Texas**  
Another of the Rams who came to Washington with George Allen. Talbert was mostly an end with the Rams, but has been a strong and powerful performer at tackle with the 'Skins. Extremely strong against run and a dependable pass rusher.



**CHARLEY TAYLOR, WR, 6-3, 210, 10th Yr., Age 31, Arizona State**  
He must get better with age. An All-Pro and Pro Bowler during his years, he led team with 49 catches for 673 yards and seven TDs last year. Career totals now up to 469 receptions, good for 6,669 yards and 61 touchdowns. A pro's pro, always.



**TED VACTOR, DB, 6-0, 185, 5th Yr., Age 29, Nebraska**  
Valuable and versatile performer who doubles as punt return man, special team player as well as working the corner. Good tackler in the open field. Had one interception in '72, also hauled back 17 punts for a 5.2 average.



**JOHN WILBUR, G, 6-3, 252, 8th Yr., Age 30, Stanford**  
Former Cowboy became part of Over The Hill Gang and added more savvy and strength to the offensive line. Proved to be as solid as ever, providing fine pass protection and doing solid job for that bone-rattling Redskin running.



## **George Allen** *Head Coach*

Named general manager and head coach of the Redskins on January 6, 1971, after five years with Los Angeles, Allen proclaimed that "the future is now." That theme proved to be the Redskins' motto in 1971 as they stormed to the NFL playoffs with a 9-4-1 record, the most wins in Washington

in 29 years. Then, last year he took his club all the way to the Super Bowl. Began his pro coaching career in 1957 as an assistant with the Rams, then moved to Chicago where he was a defensive assistant for eight seasons. Named head coach of Rams in 1966 and went on to post a 49-17-4 record with L.A. in five stormy campaigns. In two of those years, he led club to division titles, but both times lost in the NFL playoffs, first to Packers, then to Vikings. His current head coaching record of 69-24-5 is best in the NFC. He never played professional football.

# Washington 1972 Club Leaders

RUSHING						KICKOFF RET.					
	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs
Brown .....	285	1216	4.3	38	8	Haymond .....	10	291	29.1	41	0
Harraway ....	148	567	3.8	24	6	Mul-Key .....	8	209	26.1	44	0
Mul-Key .....	33	155	4.7	35	1	Duncan .....	15	364	24.3	41	0
Brunet .....	30	82	2.7	18	2	Brunet .....	8	190	23.8	38	0
Taylor .....	3	39	13.0	17	0						
Nock .....	6	22	3.7	6	0						

PASSING						PUNT RET.		No. Yds. Avg. Long TDs			
	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Int.					
Kilmer	225	120	53.3	1,648	19	11	Duncan	11	70	6.4	18 0
Jurgensen	59	39	66.1	633	2	4	Vactor	17	88	5.2	28 0

PASS REC.						PUNTING				
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs		No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long
Taylor .....	49	673	13.7	70	7	Bragg .....	59	2273	38.5	62
Jefferson .....	35	550	15.7	45	3					
Brown .....	32	473	14.8	89	4					
Smith .....	21	353	16.8	34	7					
Harraway .....	15	105	7.0	24	0					

Harraway .....	15	105	7.0	24	0	SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDs	PAT	FGPTS.
						Knight	0	0	0	40	14 82
INTER-CEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	Brown	8	4	12	0	0 72
						Smith	0	7	7	0	0 42
Hanburger .....	4	98	24.5	41	1	Taylor	0	7	7	0	0 42
Fischer .....	4	61	15.3	35	0	Harraway	6	0	6	0	0 36
Bass .....	3	53	17.7	29	0	Jefferson	0	3	3	0	0 18
McClinton .....	2	22	11.0	19	0	Brunet	2	0	2	0	0 12

# Washington All-Time Club Leaders

## RUSHING

Larry Brown, with 976 carries for 4,177 yards (1969-'72)  
Don Boessler, with 780 carries for 3,112 yards (1957-'64)

## PASSING

Sammy Baugh, with 1,693 completions in 2,995 attempts for 22,085 yards and 186 TDs (1937-'52)

## PASS RECEIVING

Charley Taylor, with 469 receptions for 6,869 yards (1964-'72)  
Bobby Mitchell, with 393 receptions for 6,471 yards (1962-'68)

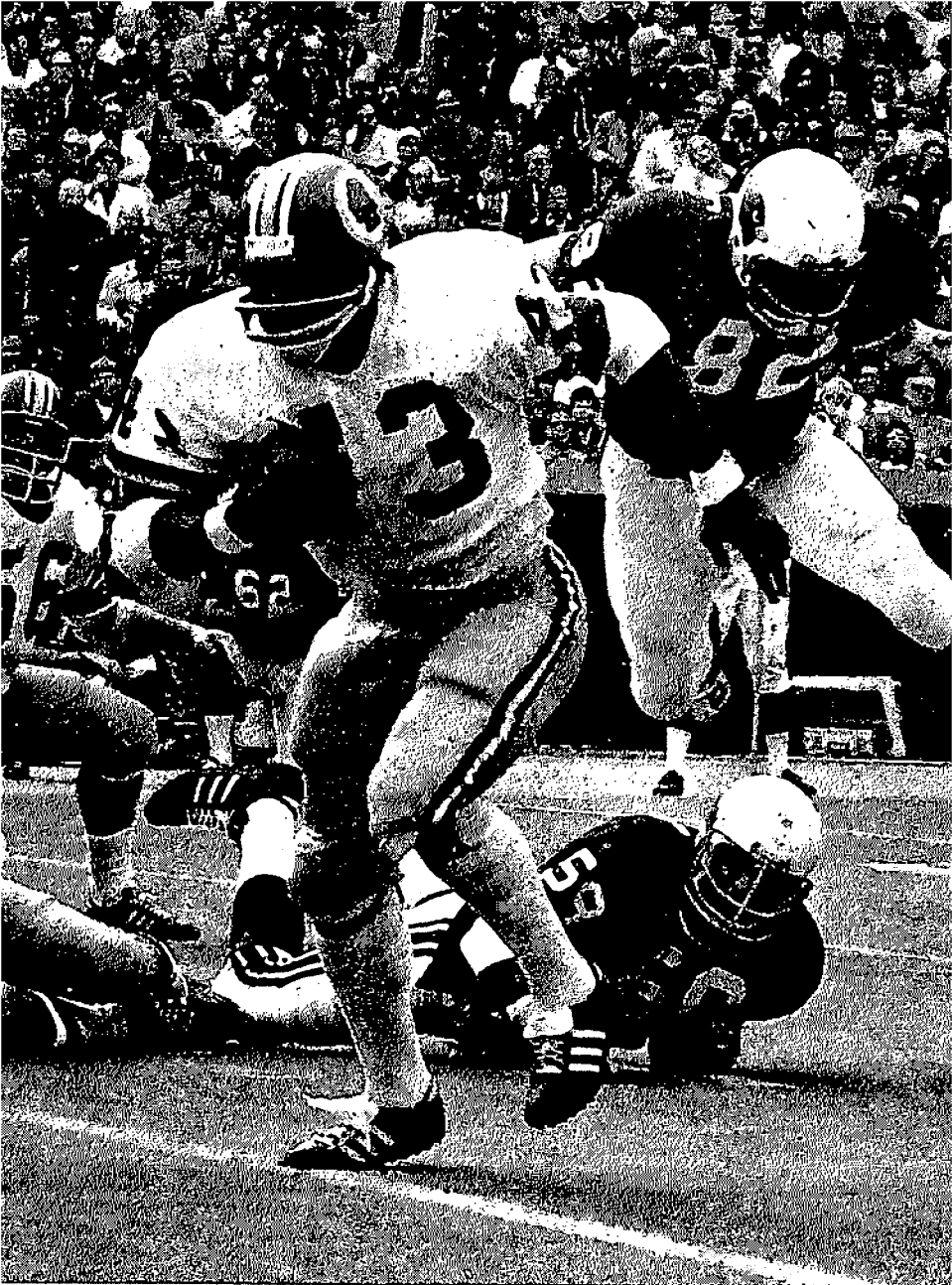
## INTERCEPTIONS

Sammy Baugh, with 31 (see note) (1937-'52)  
Paul Krause, with 27 (1964-'67)

## SCORING

Bobby Mitchell, with 498 points (1962-'68)

Note: (Interceptions were not part of records until 1940)



*The fabulous Larry Brown (43) sweeps the Cardinals for some of his 1,216 rushing yards in 1972.*

# THE ILLUSTRATED DIGEST OF PRO FOOTBALL PLAYBOOK SECTION

■The character of play within the NFL has, in the past few seasons, undergone some very distinct changes when it comes to moving the football on offense. It seemed at first that this transition toward a growing dependence on the running game was gradual. However, the 1972 rules change that moved the hashmarks closer together has combined with the proliferating swing to the various zone defenses made popular by both Miami and Minnesota, among others, to cause a sudden explosion in both the effectiveness and popularity of the running game.

With this re-emergence of the running game in mind, the editors of *The Illustrated Digest of Pro Football* have selected some of the most successful plays utilized in the past few seasons. In effect, such selection gives you, the reader, a glimpse at what may be considered a basic and proven NFL Playbook.

The first section of our mini-guide to NFL offensive strategy deals with some of the most effective running plays in the game. Each one of the six plays chosen has been run well enough and often enough by the teams involved to help produce exciting 1,000-yard seasons for the likes of O.J. Simpson, Ron Johnson, John Brockington, Mike Garrett, Calvin Hill and Larry Csonka. •

## MIAMI'S SHORT YARDAGE POWER PLAY

For the first time in the history of the NFL, a single team has produced two running backs who amassed 1,000 yards each in the same season. When the Dolphins weren't sending the fleet-footed Mercury Morris outside, they more often than not were taking full advantage of the bruising power of Larry Csonka and Jim Kiick to go inside

enroute to their 1972 season of perfection.

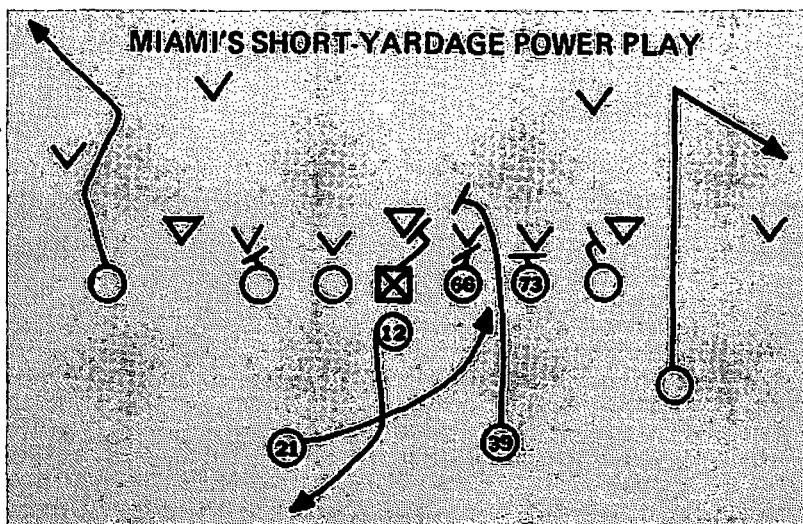
The Dolphin short-yardage power play shown in the accompanying diagram is typical of the Miami ball-control attack. When only a few yards are needed, the Dolphins would rather give the ball to one of their backs than risk putting it in the air. There is a minimum of deception on this power drive. What the Dolphins do is put three of their best blockers at the point of attack.

Right guard Larry Little (No. 66) and right tackle Norm Evans (No. 73) execute routine zone blocks on the defensive tackle and end, respectively. Csonka (No. 39), leading the way for his running mate, drives into the hole created by Little and Evans and turns to his left looking for the MLB. Quarterback Bob Griese (No. 12) makes a reverse pivot and hands off directly to Kiick (No. 21), who stays close on Csonka's heels as the burly fullback leads him into the line. This is not a long-gain play in most cases, but it is very effective when Miami needs a couple of tough yards for a first down. In fact, it was this very same play that saw Kiick score in the playoffs versus both Cleveland and Pittsburgh, and it was a variation of the same play that set up the Dolphins win over the Chiefs in the never-to-be-forgotten



Larry Czonka

Christmas overtime classic back in 1971. On that play, Griese fakes to Kiick, and gives the ball to Csonka, who follows Larry Little outside on what the Dolphins call a "trap right, roll left" play.

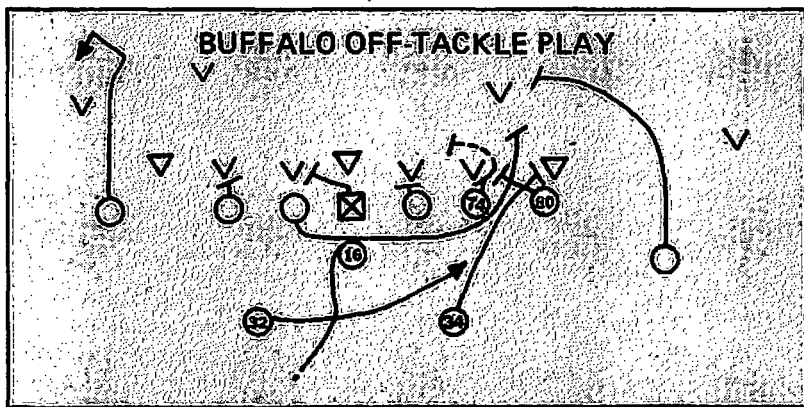




## SIMPSON OFF TACKLE

One simply wonders how effective O.J. Simpson would be if he played behind an offensive line as good as that of the Dolphins. Handicapped by a Buffalo front wall that was decimated by injuries and prone to the errors of youth, Simpson still managed to run for an NFL leading total of 1,251 yards in 1972. Obviously, O.J., now in his fifth season, has blossomed into the kind of runner that people always thought he would become. Simpson is what they call a game breaker—a big, explosive runner who turns normal four and five-yard gains into touchdowns if he gets just a little running room. There is nothing drastically different about the Bills' off tackle play, except that Simpson is the ball-carrier. The principle here is basic: execute

power blocking at the point of attack and get Simpson into the hole before the defense can react. QB Dennis Shaw (No. 16) makes a reverse pivot and hands off directly to Simpson (No. 32), who angles toward the off-tackle hole in the wake of fullback Jim Braxton (No. 34). It is Braxton's job to hit the hole first and clear it of any defenders the Buffalo linemen have been unable to dislodge. In most cases, Braxton will attempt to drive the opposing left linebacker to the outside. Key blocks on the line must be made by tight end Jan White (No. 80) and right tackle Donnie Green (No. 74). They double-team the left defensive end—the main obstacle to Simpson's escape—and then Green slides off his block and turns to his left to seal off the MLB as he pursues the flow of the play laterally along the line of scrimmage.



*O.J. Simpson makes his cut for good yardage.*

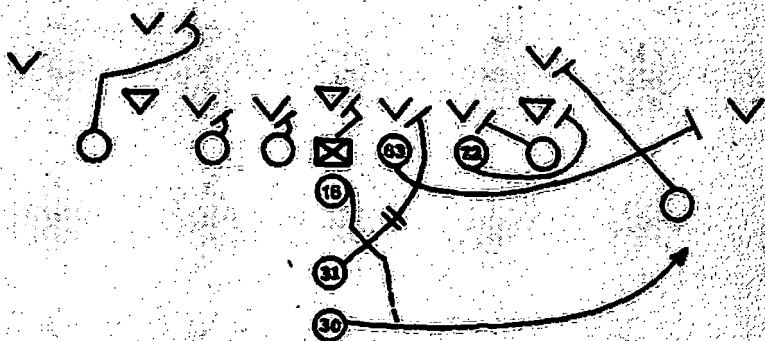


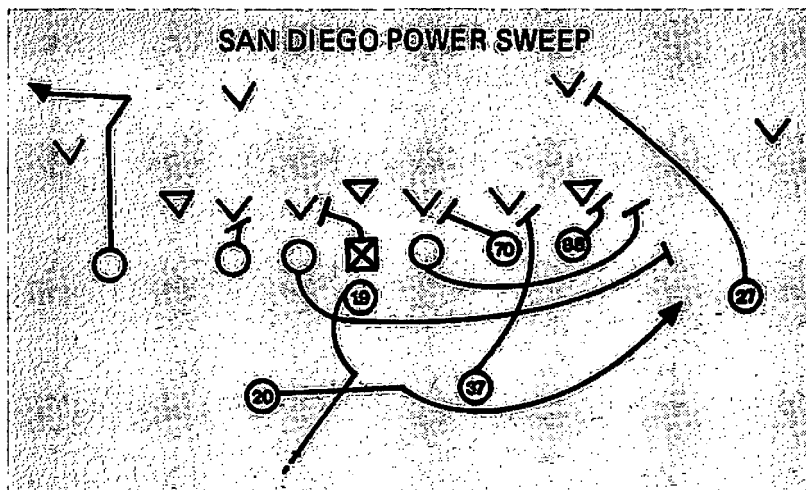
## GIANTS' SWEEP TO THE STRONG SIDE

This play seems almost as though it was designed specifically for Ron Johnson, the key man in the Giants' running attack who has reached the 1,000-yard milestone in two of his first three seasons in New York. Actually, though, the play is really a simple power sweep to the right, run from the I formation with blocking similar to the kind of plays run by the Steelers and the Chiefs. Johnson (No. 30) is the second man in the stacked I formation shown here, with Charles Evans (No. 31) the up back. Evans plays a key role in the success of the play. First, he must make the fake from QB Norn Snead (No. 16) look realistic. Second, he must throw a key block on the defensive left tackle, freeing guard Doug Van Horn (No. 63) to pull out of the line along with tackle Joe Taffoni

(No. 72), and lead the interference for Johnson on the outside. After making the inside fake to Evans, Snead takes another step into the backfield and pitches the ball to Johnson. This is the crucial part of the play. Ron must bide his time and not make his cut upfield until Van Horn, Taffoni and the other blockers have had a chance to carry out their assignments ahead of him. A premature cut can spoil the cohesion of the effort up front. Once Johnson sees that the defenders have been sealed to the inside, opening the outside running lane to him, he accelerates and turns upfield. He is not, however, committed to the outside course. If the defense has succeeded in staying outside the play, Ron has the option of veering to the inside and cutting back against the flow, something that he does as well as any running back in the game today.

## GIANTS' END SWEEP

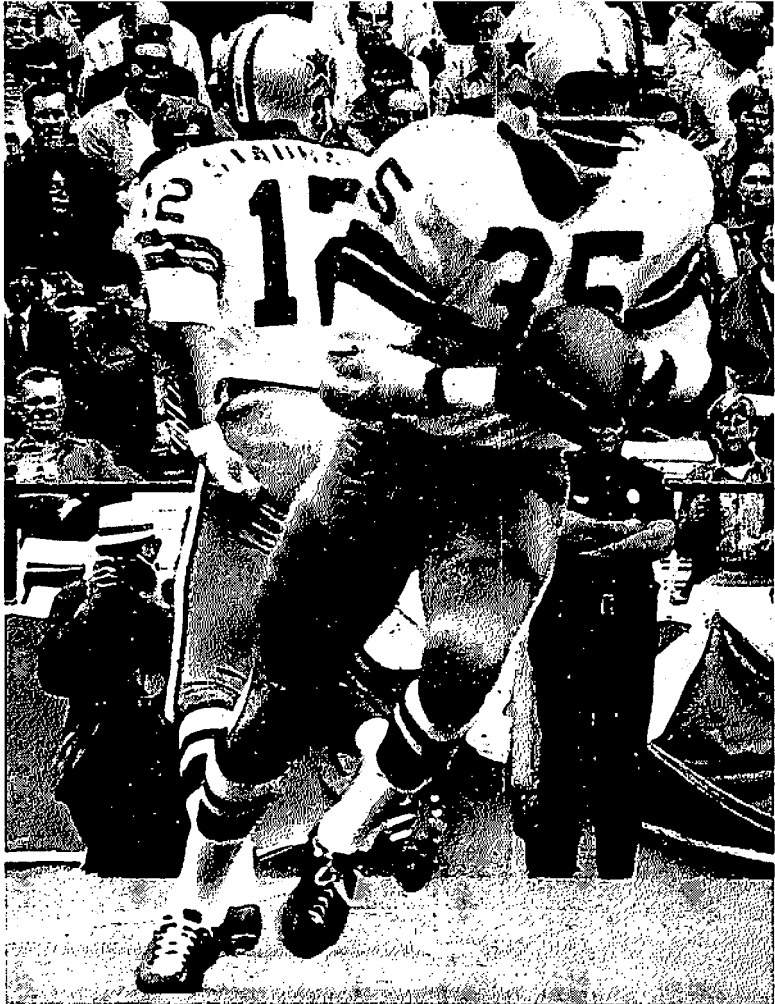




### SAN DIEGO POWER SWEEP

Aside from the strong leadership qualities inherent in John Unitas' career as the premier quarterback of the NFL, one of the main reasons Harland Svare has gambled that Unitas will be able to play full-time in 1973 is his non-pareil ability in the art of play selection. Svare feels that Johnny U. is exactly the man to lead the Chargers' restructured offense, which has swung radically to the employment of some of the best runners in the AFC—with better-than-expected results. As shown here, the San Diego Power sweep strives to take advantage of maximum blocking at the point of attack plus the wonderful outside speed of Mike Garrett (No. 20). Garrett has the ability and running instinct to get loose around the end but he can't make it unless his teammates do the required blocking job. Both

guards pull on the power sweep and drive down the line to clear a path for the ball-carrier. Fullback Cid Edwards (No. 37), one of the best blocking backs in the league, and the Chargers' MVP in 1972, also has an important assignment. He must hit into the tackle hole and seal off the defensive left end (who is left unguarded when the Charger tackle, Russ Washington, No. 70, blocks to his left). Tight end Pettis Norman (No. 88), a truly fine blocker, is called upon to hook the left corner linebacker to the inside. This is perhaps the most vital block on the power sweep. Adding further support ahead of the play, flanker Garry Garrison (No. 27) drives to the inside and heads for the strong safety. Gary can't always block this man cleanly but he can get between him and Garrett, screening the defensive back out of the play for a few seconds to get Mike loose.



*Calvin Hill has ball on handoff from Roger Staubach.*

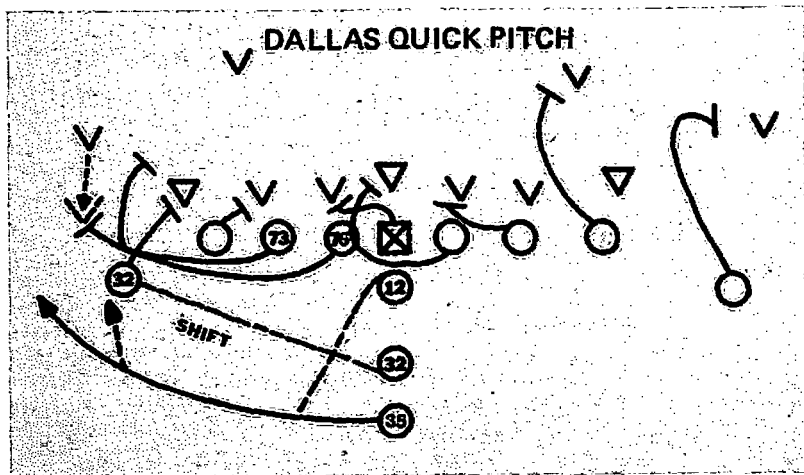
### **DALLAS QUICK PITCH**

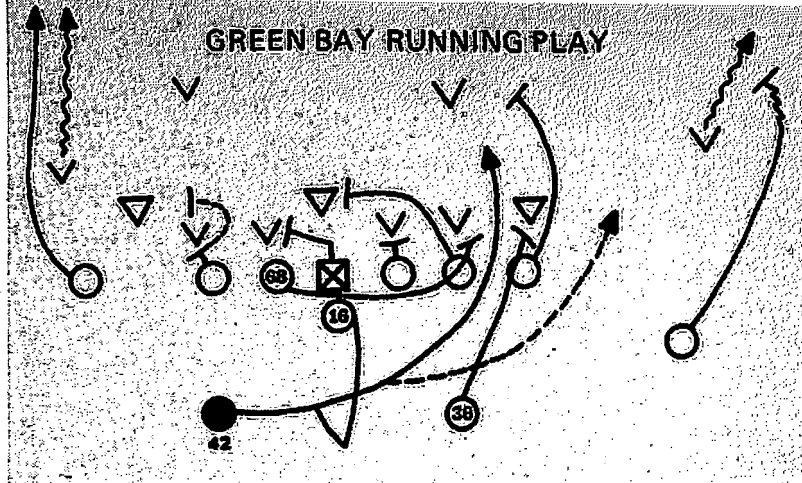
Duane Thomas may have gone, but the plays that vaulted him to the top as one of the most spectacular runners in the league linger on. The Cowboys are still one of the better teams in the league when it comes to running the ball, and now that

Calvin Hill is the full-time half-back, their attack is almost as strong as before. The Cowboys always try to present as many different pictures as possible on a given play, thus reducing the defense's chances of keying on a certain formation or series of plays. Dallas also likes to get its

runners outside in one-on-one situations. Both of these objectives are achieved with the quick pitch which is, diagrammed here. As can be seen, Dallas lines up with Hill (No. 35) and Walt Garrison (No. 32) in a power I-formation behind QB Roger Staubach (No. 12). From this formation, Garrison shifts to his left just outside of and behind his left end, which now puts the Cowboys in more of a double wing than in an I-formation. The defense is thus presented with two different attacking formations within the space of a few seconds. As the ball is snapped, Staubach turns quickly and pitches back to Hill, who starts bellying wide to the left. From his wingback spot, the tough and sturdy Garrison must throw a key block on the opposing right linebacker, driving that man to the inside. More often than not Garrison does his job

with devastating effectiveness. Left tackle Ralph Neely (No. 73) then pulls and turns up through the hole while guard John Niland (No. 76) moves out to eliminate the defensive halfback on that side. The scene is now set for the swift and super-strong Hill to make his big decision—take it all the way to the outside or cut to the inside? Calvin has the option here and his course of action is determined by the blocking up front. Ideally, the Cowboys try to spring Hill loose down the sideline where he can either overpower or outrun the defenders in that area. If he is forced to the inside, the defense can always get extra help from the pursuing linebackers and defensive backs to jam his running lane. In any event, though, Hill, because of his dual assests of fullback strength and halfback speed, is a tough one-on-one opponent in the open field.





### PACKERS: RUN TO DAYLIGHT 1973

Year in and Year out, the Green Bay Packer off-tackle power play has been one of the game's classic running maneuvers. Dating back to the late Vince Lombardi's days, it is a traditional play that employs speed, deception, instinct and massed blocking on the line. The men behind the play have included the likes of Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor, Elijah Pitts and Ben Wilson, Travis Williams and Donny Anderson, Dave Hampton and John Brockington. This year and, as it did last season, the play belongs to John Brockington (No. 42) and MacArthur Lane (No. 36). And, they just may run it better than all the rest. Although the play is listed as an off-tackle play, the ball-carrier also has the option of taking it to the outside if the tackle lane is clogged. As shown in the diagram, the Packers line up with Scott Hunter (No. 16) at QB, and Brockington and Lane as the set backs. There is not a great deal of deception involved

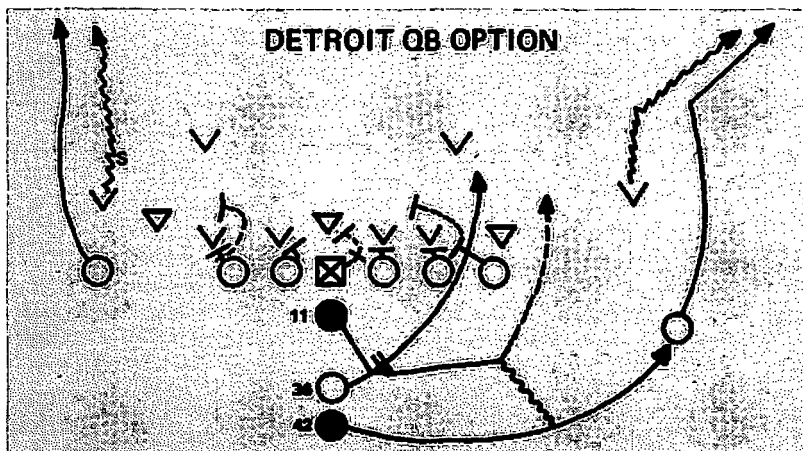
here. Hunter makes a regular pivot to his right and executes an underneath back handoff to Brockington. While this exchange is taking place in the backfield, left guard Gale Gillingham (No. 68) pulls out of the line up front and moves over to trap the defensive left end. If Gillingham can't make the trap block as diagrammed, he tries to "log" the defensive end to the inside, thus opening up an alley for Brockington on the outside. Green Bay's right tackle, Bill Hayoe, leaves the end for Gilly and loops to his left to pick off the MLB as he comes across to pursue the play. Either Mac or Brock can carry the ball on this play. In this case it's Mac who does the blocking, Lane hits into the hole and drives at the feet of the strongside linebacker, trying to tie him up just long enough for Brockington to get past the danger point. If the linebacker fights the block and exerts pressure to the inside, Brockington must then change course in one stride and head for his alternate outside route.

Now let us turn our attention to two newer types of running plays that have been put in almost every NFL playbook where the man who calls the plays can run with the ball almost as well as he can throw it. The first of this new breed of pro quarterbacks was of course, one Francis A. Tarkenton, who is now in his second season as the prodigal Viking. The latest members of the club are much more than scramblers, and people like Bobby Douglass and Greg Landry run with a great deal more design and less improvisation. Today's scouts look for the big passers with strength and speed. Here are two plays that are specifically designed to take advantage of the ability of both Douglass and Landry to pull the ball down and run with it.

### DETROIT QB OPTION

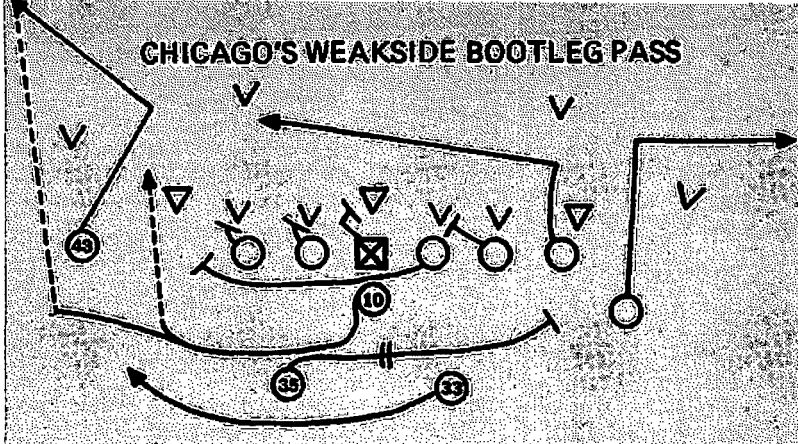
With Greg Landry (No. 11) playing quarterback, the Detroit Lions actually have a three-man running attack. Landry, 6-4 and 210, is an accomplished ball-carrier who two seasons ago ran for 530 yards to set the all-time league rushing total for quarterbacks—a record that stood just long enough for Douglass to fracture it one season later. The option play shown here is based on Landry's prowess as a runner and also on the inside threat posed by Steve Owens (No. 36), a powerful ball-carrier who gained over 1,000 yards in 1971 and then spent most of last sea-

son nursing a series of leg injuries. Landry's initial move after taking the snap from center is to fake a handoff to a healthy Owens, who heads off tackle. This fake is intended to pin down both the defensive left linebacker and the safetyman. Landry keeps the ball after faking to Owens and heads toward his right. As he moves down the line, he tries to determine what effect the fake has had on the defense. If the linebacker reacts to the inside, Greg tries to get outside. If the linebacker doesn't take the fake, then the Detroit QB may decide to cut sharply and hit inside his tackle and tight end.





## CHICAGO'S WEAKSIDE BOOTLEG PASS



### BEARS' WEAK-SIDE BOOTLEG PASS

There are many people on the Bear scene who malign Bobby Douglass as a quarterback, but almost everybody praises him as a runner. That very effectiveness on the ground enabled Douglass to become the most productive Bear runner (968 yards) since the second 1,000-yard season of the legendary Gale Sayers. The weakside bootleg pass diagramed here enables the Bears to take full advantage on the threat that Douglass' ability and proclivity to run the football presents. Although Douglass' accuracy as a passer does not compare with, say, Joe Namath or John Brodie, the threat he poses as a runner makes him dangerous to the defense every time he touches the football. Actually, Chicago attempts to set up this maneuver by first running Jim Harrison (No. 35) on a routine off-tackle play. When this influence is established, Douglass (No. 10) fakes the handoff to Harrison and keeps the ball hidden on his hip and rolls

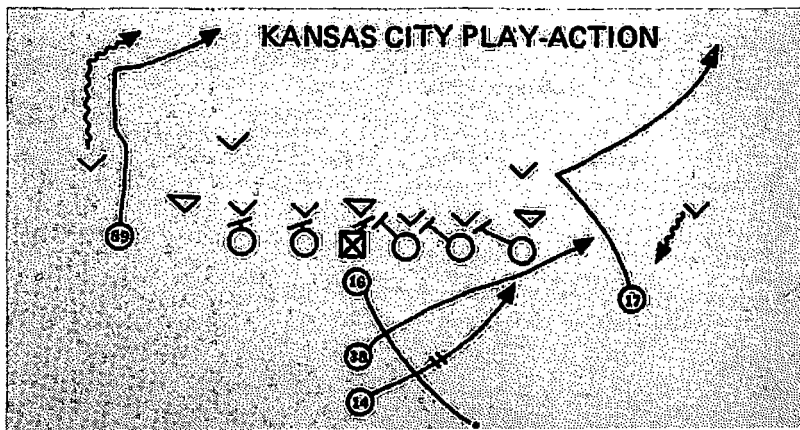
out to his left escorted by a pulling guard, Glen Hollway. Running back Carl Garrett flares deep to the same side as a "safety valve" receiver while split end George Farmer (No. 43) runs a delayed down-and-out pattern. As Farmer starts his route he keeps his eye on the right cornerback. If the defender makes a move to come toward the line and play Douglass for the run, Farmer sprints behind him and yells for the pass. If the CB drops back and stays with Farmer, Douglass has the option (he almost always runs) of pulling the ball down and running it himself. He can go either outside or inside the end, depending on the reaction of the defenders in that sector. This Bear specialty puts extreme pressure on the defensive half-back on that side. He is responsible for covering Farmer deep but, at the same time, he cannot afford to ignore the possibility of Douglass running the football.

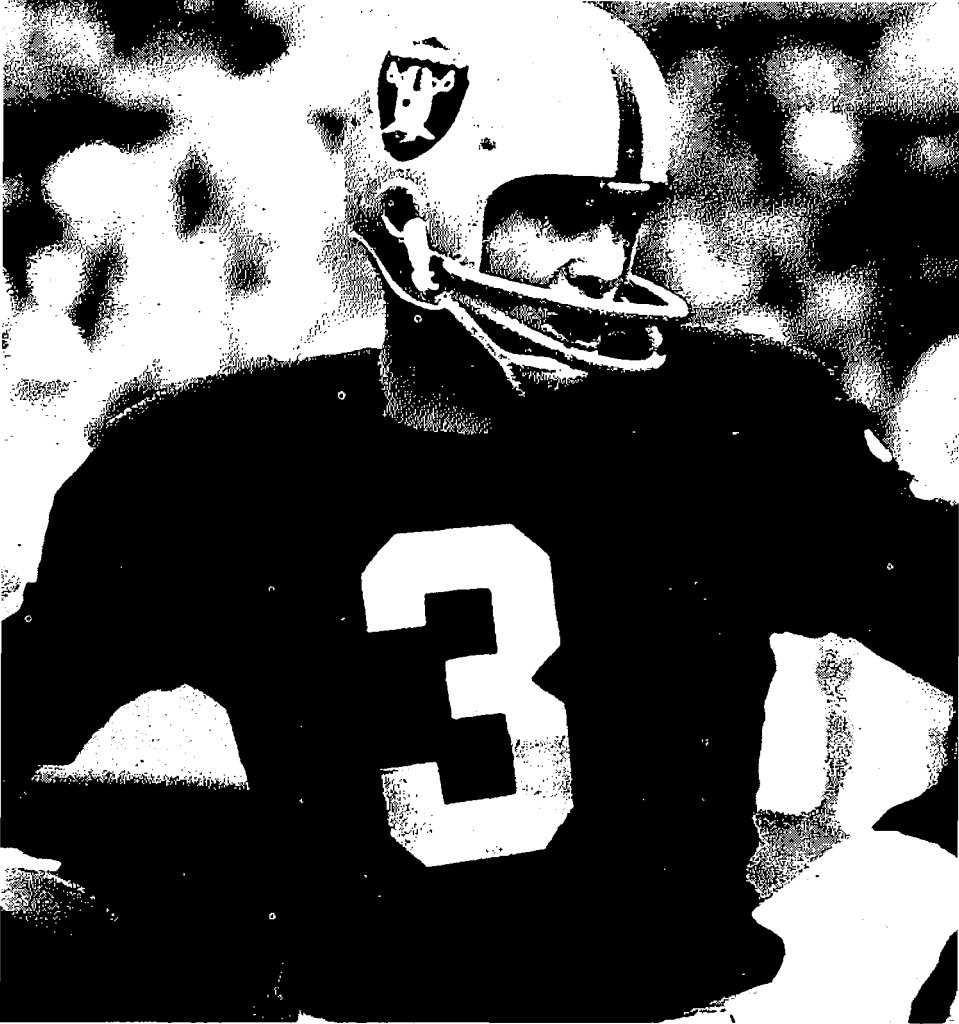
The final section of our play-book deals with the more conventional type of passing attack employed by the Dawsons, Namaths and Lamonicas.

## KANSAS CITY PLAY ACTION

The Kansas City Chiefs can point to an ideal blend of running and passing as one of the reasons for their consistent success in the AFC. This fine offensive balance enables Kansas City to strike quickly and with devastating effect from anywhere on the field. Once veteran QB Len Dawson (No. 16) has employed his fine running backs, Wendall Hayes (No. 38) and Ed Podolak (No. 14), with success along the ground, he has the defense set up nicely for one of Hank Stram's favorite maneuvers—the play-action pass as illustrated here. Lenny calls his play from the Chiefs' tricky I-formation, using Hayes as the near back and Podolak as the deep man. This formation produces many of Kansas City's powerful off-tackle thrusts and swift end sweeps, so the defense must guard against any number of possibilities. As Dawson takes the snap, the Chiefs' veteran offensive line blocks down, just as it would for an off-tackle play. Hayes drives toward right end, again simulating a lead blocker

on a running play, and then Dawson makes a deft hand fake to Podolak, who drives toward the hole behind Hayes. To the defense, these preliminary moves—the line blocking down, the fullback leading the deep back into the off-tackle hole—indicate one thing: run. If the fake is effective, the defense's initial reaction is to move up to jam the running lanes. As this picture unfolds, Kansas City flanker Elmo Wright (No. 17) angles in toward the strong side safety as if to block on him. When the defensive cornerback sees this, he may be convinced that the play is indeed a running attempt, and he moves toward the line to effect the tackle. This is what Wright has been waiting for. He immediately forgets about the safetyman, and veers sharply to the outside behind the inbound cornerback, breaking deep down the right sideline to take Dawson's pass. If the cornerback does not take the run fake—well, the next time Dawson might just come right back with the real off-tackle run and catch the defender backing up to cover Wright.





*Daryle Lamonica sets up for fake slant pass play.*

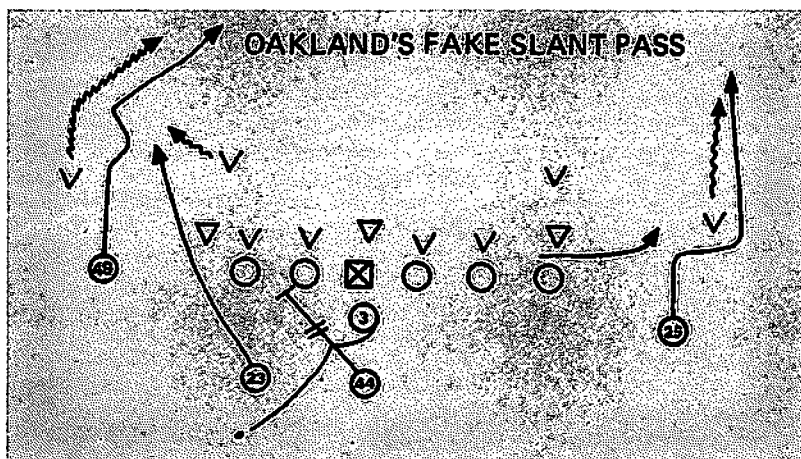
### **RAIDERS' FAKE SLANT PASS**

The Oakland Raiders are a team that specializes in the so-called big play—particularly when Daryle Lamonica is quarterbacking. Lamonica would much rather hit the scoreboard with a long bomb pass or some other razzle-dazzle than grind it

out along the ground. The long ball is still Daryle's favorite weapon despite the increasing and effective ability of Marv Hubbard (No. 44) and Charlie Smith (No. 23) to run the ball. And yet, to make the passing game effective, the Raiders must establish a consistent running

attack. By keeping the defense honest by developing a healthy respect for the run, the Raiders and their bomb-throwing QB can go to the air. The play described here takes advantage of both Hubbard and Smith's ability to run and catch the ball, as well as utilizing Fred Biletnikoff (No. 25), the man regarded by many NFL observers to be the best receiver in the game, as a decoy. On this particular play, Lamonica (No. 3) attempts to freeze the defense momentarily with a play-action fullback slant fake to Hubbard. As the fake to Hubbard is taking place, running back Smith further pressures the defense by running a straight-ahead route into the secondary, thus pinning down the free safety and forcing the defensive cornerback into single coverage on Mike Siani (No. 49). This is the situation the Raiders and Lamonica are looking for. At the snap, Siani drives off the line

and races toward the CB, hoping to make him back-pedal a few strides. When Siani sees that he has taken the CB back the precise number of yards called for in the pattern (usually 7 to 9 yards), he breaks off his original pass route and runs what is termed as a weave pattern. After making several in-and-out moves to keep the defender off balance, Mike finally breaks sharply over the middle to take Lamonica's pass. At the same time Biletnikoff has run a deep post-corner route to decoy the other half of the opposing secondary, and Biletnikoff's ability is such that both the CB and the safety on his side must honor the fake as if it were the real thing. This leaves the zone over the middle clear of defenders, and gives Siani an opportunity to run with the ball after he catches it. This play is indeed a game-breaker in the true Oakland tradition.



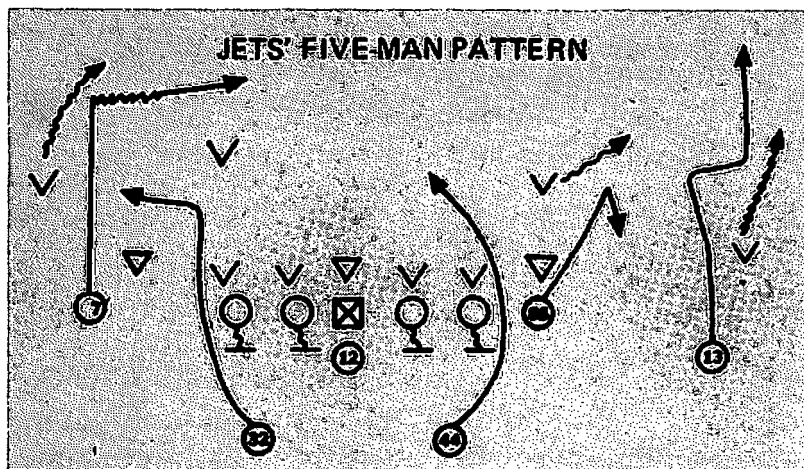
## JETS' FIVE-MAN FLOOD PAT- TERN

Despite a fine overall air-ground attack, the New York Jets will live and die by the forward pass as long as Joe Namath (No. 12), the greatest

thrower in the game today, is playing quarterback. The Jets can run the ball with any team in the AFC—thanks to ball-carriers like John Riggins (No. 44) and Emerson Boozer (No. 32), but in the clutch, in the real pressure situations, Namath inevitably

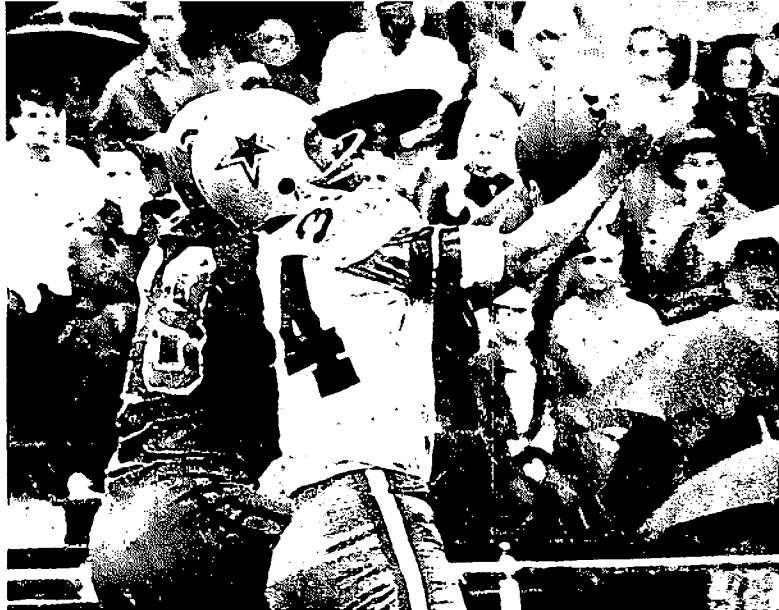
*Joe Namath is key to Jets' offense.*





goes to the pass. It is his big weapon and the Jets' quickest, surest way of getting points on the board. Because the Jets have such a fine offensive line (a unit that has been schooled to give Namath maximum protection), Broadway Joe can often employ multiple five-man patterns that flood the secondary with receivers and greatly increase the chance of a completion. In the New York pass play shown here, Namath presents the defense with a major coverage problem by using every available receiver in a single pattern. In a way, it can be risky because in so doing Joe Willie strips himself of any backfield blocking help. But the Jets' QB thinks it's a risk worth taking in the right situation, of course. Namath circles his two backs, Riggins and Boozer, into the short zone over the middle. Split end Eddie Bell (No. 7) drives straight at his defensive man to

a depth of about 15 yards and then executes a sharp square-in move which takes him over the middle and directly into Namath's line of fire. Tight end Rich Caster (No. 88) ties down the strong safety by running a deep turn-in route while flanker Don Maynard (No. 13) races down the right sideline and executes a quick hook move on the cornerback in that area. With the linebackers having to cover Riggins and Boozer, the defense is unable to double cover any of the Jets' wide receivers—and this is what Joe is looking for. If Joe can get Bell or Maynard, and, for that matter, Caster in a one-on-one set-up, he feels he can complete the pass 90 per cent of the time. As such, this pattern played a major part in the phenomenal performance of Namath and his receivers in scoring seven TDs in two games last year against the famed Colt zone defense.



*Most famous of ex-college cage stars in NFL is Dallas' Cornell Green (34).*

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL: NFL TALENT POOL

■ Most experts agree that of all the team sports, the one which requires 'the greatest physical conditioning and a blend of the key attributes that go into the marking of a really versatile athlete is . . . basketball.

Staying power, the ability to run, to jump, to twist, timing, physical strength, balance, perfect coordination—the good basketball player must possess all of these abilities.

So why lionize basketball in a pro football book?

It's not exactly a new trend, but more and more NFL teams are scouting basketball games in college looking for athletes who

might prove to have the potential to play professional football.

The most prominent example here is Cornell Green, the All-Pro defensive back of the Dallas Cowboys who was a basketball star at Utah State and didn't compete in collegiate football at all. Green, a 6-3, 210-pounder, once set an NIT record at Madison Square Garden with 14 straight field goals, but cast his lot in the NFL and has been a defensive star for over a decade.

A perfect example of the feeling prevailing now with NFL teams is the arrangement between the New York Football Giants and the NBA champion

New York Knicks. The Knicks' super scout Dick McGuire travels far and wide across the U.S. searching for talent for the Knicks, and he's done a pretty outstanding job, obviously. But McGuire also works for the Giants on these scouting trips. If Dick spots a really versatile athlete who he feels does not have the potential for the NBA, but does have sufficient all-around athletic ability for a tryout as a football player, McGuire sends a report to the Giants.

Case in point for 1973: McGuire saw a strapping 6-4, 210-pounder named Willie Williams at Florida Southern this past year. "He was 6-4, strong, had a real good body and great quickness," said Dick, "but I didn't think that he could handle the ball well enough to make it in pro basketball. In checking out Williams' background, I found out that he had been a solid football player in high school in Columbus, Ohio; so I sent a report in on him to the Giants, and they signed Williams as a free agent for 1973."

Whether or not Williams makes it with the Giants is conjecture right now. The point is, that there is a definite trend here and that it should continue to be of interest.

Aside from Green, the Cowboys also reaped dividends from Michigan State basketball star Pete Gent, who was a fine receiver for several seasons, and other clubs in the league who took a chance on collegiate hoopsters who didn't play football turned up players like Preston Pearson of Illinois, now a run-

ning back with the Steelers and Ron Widby of Tennessee, the punter for Green Bay.

Perhaps the toughest man on the Giants' special teams in 1972 was a young man named Chuck Crist. Crist had been a fine high school football player in upstate New York, but went to Penn State on a basketball scholarship, ended up the team captain and top rebounder but was overlooked in the NBA and ABA drafts. The Giants learned of Chuck from Penn State coach Johnny Bach and signed the 6-3, 215-pounder as their last free agent prior to the opening of the 1972 training camp.

Crist had been away from football for four years, but worked hard in the camp and won a spot on the 40-man roster as a reserve strong safety. He was an athlete, to be sure. He could run, hit, jump, and his reactions were catlike. He made the club through sheer determination and his natural athletic abilities. He had never played defensive back, but studied and worked. Then, as fate would have it, in the Giants' opening game of 1972, Pro Bowler Spider Lockhart was kayoed by a shoulder injury in the first quarter against the Detroit Lions and 22-year-old Chuck Crist went the rest of the way at safety against the rugged Lions.

Aside from Willie Williams and Crist, the Giants will have two other collegiate basketball players giving it a shot this year as well. McGuire also recommended Charlie Crawford, a 6-6, 210-pound rebounder from





*Giants' defensive back Chuck Crist (24) was Penn State cage standout.*

Providence who will get a try at tight end, and then the Giants used their seventh round draft choice to tab Vanderbilt's Rod Freeman, a 6-7, 230-pounder who starred for three seasons as a scorer and rebounder.

It had been thought originally that basketball players were best utilized as defensive backs, because of their coordination, timing, leaping ability and quick reaction to the ball. Green, of course, remains the epitome in that department. Four times a member of the Pro Bowl team and a genuine star with the champion Cowboy teams of the past, Cornell now has 32 career interceptions for 550 yards returned, including two for touchdowns.

And if people don't think that collegiate basketball is a contact sport ... that certainly isn't so insofar as Green, Crist and others are concerned. If there were any doubts as to their toughness in attacking ball carriers, let it be said that Green and

Crist are two of the hardest-hitting tacklers in the game.

As for Pearson, he too had to be prepared to take a physical going-over since he has been a running back and kick return specialist during his career with the Baltimore Colts and Pittsburgh Steelers. Pearson has proved his mettle over and over again, showing 414 carries for 1,531 yards and a 3.8 rushing average in his NFL career, plus 43 pass receptions for another 532 yards. He's also been one of the top kickoff return men in the business with a lifetime total of 76 returns for a solid 27.1 average. In 1968, with the Colts, he led the entire NFL in this department by averaging 35.1 per return, including two for touchdowns.

Remember again, what we're stressing in these individual instances are players who did not play any football whatsoever in college. There are many others who doubled in the sports while in college, and while they had natural football abilities, to be sure, there's no denying that the work on the basketball courts only enhanced their overall athletic prowess.

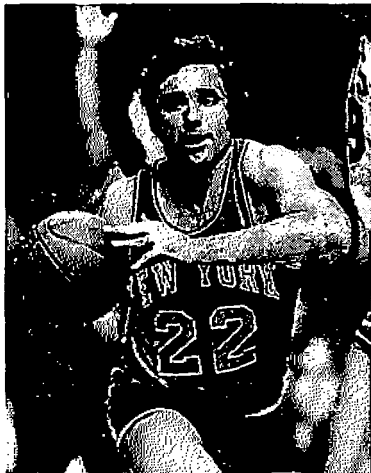
As for those basketball players who chose to follow professional basketball, there are two veteran NBA stars who still make football people salivate when they watch them in action. The Boston Celtics' 6-5, 225-pound John Havlicek has long been an NBA great, but back when John was coming out of Ohio State, the Cleveland Browns were more than anxious to give John a look at tight end,

or linebacker. Havlicek is a superb athlete blessed with speed, competitive fire, durability and all of the other instinctive aptitudes that go into the making of a superb football player as well. And then there's Dave DeBusschere of the New York Knicks, a 6-6, 235-pounder who is much like Havlicek. DeBusschere surely would have made an outstanding tight end or linebacker. His multi-talents are all the more evident when it is considered that he also pitched, albeit briefly, in the major leagues with the Chicago White Sox.

There may be some who would argue the point that track and field athletes have produced as many top football players as basketball. But that just isn't the case. Pure speed is a great commodity, of course, but just speed cannot equal the all-around attributes that basketball players have.

Bob Hayes you say? Sure, Hayes was an Olympic sprinter, but he also played football during his collegiate days and cer-

*Pro football men drool when they think of Dave DeBusschere as tight end.*



tainly didn't go into the NFL as a novice. For every Hayes, you can also come up with names of pure sprinters like John Carlos, Frank Budd and Henry Carr, who were unable to produce in the NFL at all. Carr put in a couple of seasons as a defensive back and even returned an interception 101 yards for a TD, but he too had one year of collegiate football prior to going into the NFL.

There definitely is a continuing trend now to look sharply at the nation's basketball players. As McGuire says, "an athlete's an athlete . . . but I don't think you'll get much of an argument from anyone when you say that basketball players are the best conditioned and most versatile of all athletes."

Come to think of it, you couldn't get hurt too much if you had an NFL team with Havlicek and DeBusschere as your outside linebackers . . . Nate Archibald to at least take the snap from center and dazzle defenders with his handoffs to running backs . . . and Wilt Chamberlain and Kareem Jabbar on the special teams being used to block field goal attempts!

Slightly far-fetched, of course, but you can see our point. So if there are any collegiate basketball players out there reading this, and you have been overlooked by the ABA and NBA and think you have the abilities to play some football, don't be bashful. Sit down and write a letter to your favorite NFL team and let them know about your credentials. The way things are proceeding now, it is unlikely that your letter will be ignored. •



*Larry Jacobson (75), the Giants' top pick for 1972, made believers out of his critics with his rugged play as a rookie defensive end.*

## NFL ROOKIES TO WATCH IN '73

■ At 10:02 a.m. on January 30, 1973, at the Americana Hotel in New York City, Commissioner Pete Rozelle of the NFL was handed a slip of paper from representatives of the Houston Oilers - and the annual league draft was about to begin.

Rozelle stepped towards a microphone located in front of a projection screen, television and radio crews pointed their microphones in his direction, newspa-

permen made their own side bets on who the No. 1 choice would be, and Howard Cosell elected to kibitz with a large gallery of young football fans who were allowed to watch the proceedings.

A good bet for that No. 1 choice might have been Bert Jones, the multi-talented quarterback from LSU. Perhaps that was the very best bet of all.

Rozelle stepped to the mike

and announced, "The Houston Oilers select defensive end John Matuszak of Tampa University," and the draft was on its way for two days of choices through 17 rounds which would tap a total of 442 players. Matuszak, a choice chunk of beef at 6-7 and 270 pounds was No. 1 —and Charlie Wade, a wide receiver from Tennessee State, was No. 442, taken by the Miami Dolphins at 6:57 p.m. on January 31.

In between, Big John and Swifty Charlie; there were a multitude of outstanding collegiate players tapped by the 26 member teams, many of whom will become super stars and All-Pros ... many who will enjoy a good career ... and most who will not make the clubs that selected them. It's an annual guessing game to a great extent, but nonetheless the draft is a highly sensitive, computerized, well-devised system of continuing the flow of talent into the league.

In last year's edition of **ILLUSTRATED DIGEST OF PRO FOOTBALL**, we made some predictions on how the 1972 rookie crop would fare, and our sooth-saying powers proved to be fairly incisive. We thought very highly of such 1972 rookies as defensive back Willie Buchanon of the Packers, wide receiver Mike Siani of the Raiders, defensive end Sherman White of the Bengals, wide receiver Jerome Barkum of the Jets, running back Franco Harris of the Steelers, linebacker Jeff Siemon of the Vikings, and running backs Jim Bertelson of the Rams and Lydell Mitchell of the Colts.

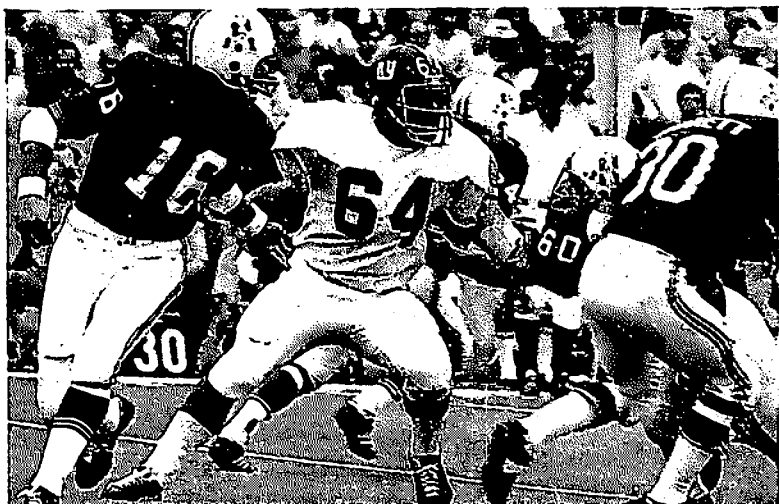
All of them turned out to be solid performers—starters, key men, and each made significant contributions to their respective clubs. Buchanon was the Defensive Rookie of the Year, Harris became a 1,000-yard rusher and Offensive Rookie of the Year, while White, Siani, Barkum, and Siemon all made the NFL Rookie team.

We overlooked a lot of rookies last year, too. The New York Giants came up with two defensive tackles who became starters, Larry Jacobson of Nebraska and John Mendenhall of Grambling. The latter, a squat 6-1, 255-pounder, was a No. 3 pick and turned out to be really outstanding, winning a spot on that All-Rookie team.

We didn't say anything about Tommy Casanova, either, and this rookie defensive back of the Bengals from LSU proved to be a truly outstanding player. Neither did we rave about kicker Chester Marcol from Hillsdale College, and he promptly put the foot back in the Green Bay Packer attack with 33 field goals and a league-leading 128 points. And way down the list, as a 13th round choice from little Amherst College came Jean Fugett to the Dallas Cowboys, and he proved to be an outstanding youngster, just 20 years old, who has the potential to become one of the best tight ends in the game.

That was last year's attack record. Now it's time to go out on the limb again and take a look at the 1973 crop of yearlings and what might be in store for them.

Matuszak? The youngster has tremendous physical assets



*Another Giant rookie who made good in 1972 was No. 3 choice John Mendenhall (64), who turned out to be a fierce pass-rusher for Maramen.*

and was rated as the top defensive lineman in the country by most of the scouting combines, even though Tampa cannot be considered a major power. The rebuilding Oilers have a good one in Big Bad John.

As far as other defensive linemen are concerned, Purdue's huge Dave Butz was taken by the Cardinals and rangy Wallace Chambers, a defensive end from Eastern Kentucky, by the Bears, while tough Joe Ehrmann of Syracuse was chosen by the Colts and big Ernie Price a defensive end from Texas A&I by the Lions. Our feeling is that Matuszak will justify his No. 1 selection, but among the others (all picked on the first round), Chambers and Price get our nods over Butz and Ehrmann as potential defensive stars for 1973.

Johnny Rodgers, the Heisman Trophy winner, might have made it big in the NFL—at least most pro football people felt that way but now we'll never know, because the swift Nebraska All-American spurned a bid from the San Diego Chargers, who had drafted him No. 1, and signed a lucrative, multi-year contract with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian League. Despite his sub-pro dimensions (5-9 and 175), Rodgers is an explosive runner who can function as either a running back or as a wide receiver, to say nothing of returning kickoffs and punts. It would have been interesting to watch Johnny pit his jet-fast moves and sudden acceleration against the NFL's top defensive stars—but now, well, now Rodgers will be doing his thing in Canada. Can he be a super-

star North of the Border? The Alouettes must think so or they wouldn't have paid him all that money. But then again a lot of high-priced stars have flopped in Canada. Only time will tell on Johnny Rodgers.

Greg Pruitt of Oklahoma, another All-American who is very similar to Rodgers and who battled it out for that Heisman Trophy, went to the Cleveland Browns as a running back on the second round. Pruitt is also 5-9 and about 175 pounds, but we do not feel that he has the overall versatility that Rodgers has. Pruitt might just surprise us, but our feeling is that Rodgers will be a more valuable property than Pruitt.

Among the other top-round choices, Baltimore made a last-minute trade to New Orleans to get the Saints' first-round pick, then held its breath until Houston selected Matuszak because the Colts wanted Bert Jones. They got him, and they also got themselves a quarterback for the future. Jones has fine size, 6-3 and 205, a powerful arm and knows the pro system well. He has been around pro football all his life, since his father is Dub Jones, the former Cleveland Browns' ace, and Bert surely has picked up much, even if only through osmosis. We predict a great future for this young QB.

The New England Patriots had three first-round choices, through trades, and took guard John Hannah of Alabama, running back Sam (Bam) Cunningham from USC, and wide receiver Darryl Stingley of Purdue. All three should make it as

starters for the Patriots, and Cunningham has the potential to be another Franco Harris type runner should he get any kind of blocking.

The Philadelphia Eagles had two first-round picks among the initial six selections and took offensive tackle Jerry Sisemore of Texas and tight end Charlie Young from USC. Sisemore will become an outstanding player, or at last that's the consensus of the scouts. He has great size, speed and toughness . . . and he'll be a starter to be sure. Young is another big, strong tight end with potential, but he may be a year or two away from really producing.

There were only six running backs taken on the first two rounds of the draft, which translated seems to indicate that 1972 wasn't exactly a bumper crop in this key area. Aside from Pruitt and Cunningham (whom we've already mentioned), the others were Otis Armstrong of Purdue (Denver), Chuck Foreman of Miami (Minnesota), George Amundson of Iowa State (Houston), and Leon Crosswhite of Oklahoma (Detroit).

Armstrong could be a good one . . . and teamed with Floyd Little may give the Broncos a solid 1-2 punch. He's 5-11, 200 pounds and runs with speed and power. The Vikings were also in desperate need of some help at running back, and they feel that they've got a really good one in Foreman, who is 6-3, 208 and runs with fine speed, balance and power. As for Amundson and Crosswhite, we'll wait and see on these two. The former is

big and strong (6-2, 215), but played mostly at quarterback at Iowa State, making him definitely a Bobby Douglass type, while Crosswhite also has good size (6-2, 215), but may be a year or two away.

The Jets got themselves a fine player in defensive back Burgess Owens of Miami who sparkled in the Pro Bowl and obviously impressed Weeb Ewbank no end. Owens should step right into the starting lineup for the Jets and he should be an outstanding player. We also like the looks of a couple of wide receivers on that first round, Isaac Curtis of San Diego State (Bengals) and Steve Holden of Arizona State (Cleveland). Both have outstanding speed, fine moves and good hands and both could crack the starting lineups with their respective clubs.

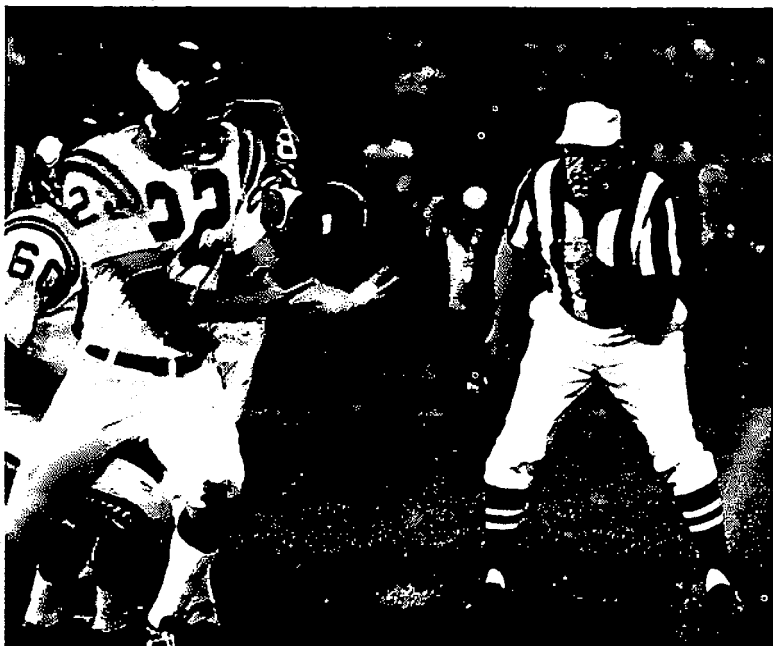
As far as choices taken on other rounds, we have a feeling that two of the second-round selections will make considerable contributions to their respective clubs, so much so that they will equal first-round status.

The New York Giants picked Brad Van Pelt of Michigan State on the second round, and this blue-chipper had to be rated the top linebacking prospect in the country. The rest of the NFL clubs were of the opinion that Van Pelt was going to sign a \$100,000-plus baseball contract with the St. Louis Cardinals, but the Giants took the gamble, wooed the 6-5, 235-pound all American and got his signature on a contract. He could well end up in the super star status

because he can do it all— has great speed, range, strength and is a hitter. Van Pelt was a strong safety at Michigan State ... but plans now call for him to be strongside linebacker, and he could easily fulfill the estimation of Michigan State coach Duffy Daugherty who called Brad "the best all-around football player I've ever coached."

Our other choice for stardom is quarterback Gary Huff from Florida State, taken on the second round by the Chicago Bears. The Bears had a running QB in Douglass last year; the 6-4 lefthander had 968 yards rushing, but was the 23rd rated passer in NFL. Huff is a 6-1, 200-pounder who can throw the football and has been schooled as a classic drop-back, pocket thrower. If the Bear give him a good shot at winning the job, it is our prediction that Douglas may wind up as a running back with rookie Huff winning the QB job. All the Bears have to do is give Gary some protection and he'll do the job for them.

And for just a couple of other names to add to our prediction list for 1973, we think that linebacker Jamie Rotella of Tennessee will make it big with the Colts (third round choice), and so will running back Pete Van Valkenburg from Brigham Young with the Saints, and defensive lineman Rich Glover, the All-American from Nebraska with the Giants. The knock on Glover is that he's too small (6-1, 240) to be a defensive tackle ... but that's what they said about John Mendenhall and Curley Culp too.●



*NFL officials are dedicated men who accept abuse as part of their job.*

## LET'S HEAR IT FOR NFL OFFICIALS!

■As is the case in every professional sport, the NFL's paying clientele seemingly has not one, but two sets of enemies. The opposing team gets the top billing in the "Bad Guys" category ... and then for good old villification, you have the referees.

What is it about men in striped shirts and white hats that inflames the aficionados? Is there a syndrome against authority reigning in football stadiums ... an area of fandom

which, according to research firms, is inhabited by the best-educated, most affluent of all major league sports?

How many football fans really know anything about those officials, the faceless, oft-times nameless men who are the arbiters of the game? Do people think the NFL goes out into the streets or rehabilitation centers and hands out whistles and football shoes indiscriminately?

It's about time that NFL officials got a little acclaim instead



of ear hernias. For starters, perhaps the world should know that those gentlemen who are keeping the action on the field from becoming uncontrolled mayhem are not just ordinary, run-of-the-mill guys that many fans seem inclined to believe they are.

Obviously, being an NFL official is not a fulltime occupation. The hero of Dan Jenkins' very funny book "Semi Tough" calls them zebras. But how many zebras are you acquainted with who happen to be bank vice-presidents, senior partners in law firms, company presidents, principals and superintendents of huge school systems, landscape architects, mechanical engineers, or college deans?

Yeah . . . you got it. Those few mentioned occupations happen to be a cross section of the fulltime employment of the men who are officials in the National Football League—and each of them has extensive background in the game as either players or coaches, even before they ultimately got into their fulltime chosen professional fields!

Still feel like throwing rocks at a guy like line judge Bill Schleibaum, who when he's not working NFL games on Sundays, is the Dean of Students at Redlands University in Compton, California? Or would you care to argue a point with referee Tommy Bell, who is also a senior partner in an outstanding law firm in Lexington, Kentucky?

One of the most respected of all officials is Norm Schachter, who will be starting his 20th year as a referee in the NFL this year. After World War II duty in the

Marines, he began a teaching career in Los Angeles, officiated many games in that area, and eventually worked himself up to become principal of Los Angeles High School. From there, he moved further upward and today is the Assistant Superintendent of Schools, in charge of 52 San Fernando Valley high schools with a combined enrollment of more than 60,000 youngsters!

What is it that makes a guy like Norm Schachter fly about 120,000 miles a year to cities all over the United States to work NFL games? He's the first to insist it certainly isn't for financial reasons. Almost to a man, the officials in the NFL are in substantial occupations and do not need the money. Officiating is something that everyone of them enjoys . . . and that's the major reason they travel so much in short periods of time, run perhaps four or five miles during a game, seldom, if ever, hear a cheer, and take the vocal assaults when a decision goes against the home team.

You have to admit that it takes a special kind of guy to be an NFL official.

First of all, you have to be not only conversant with the 87 pages of rules in the rulebook . . . but must know them and be able to give a ruling instantaneously. You must also be in good physical condition to handle the flow and action of this swift and hard-hitting game. Schachter, in his 20th season, still works out daily on his stationery bike, doing five miles per day to keep his legs in shape . . . and swims every day as well.



*To stay on top of every play, officials must be in excellent shape.*

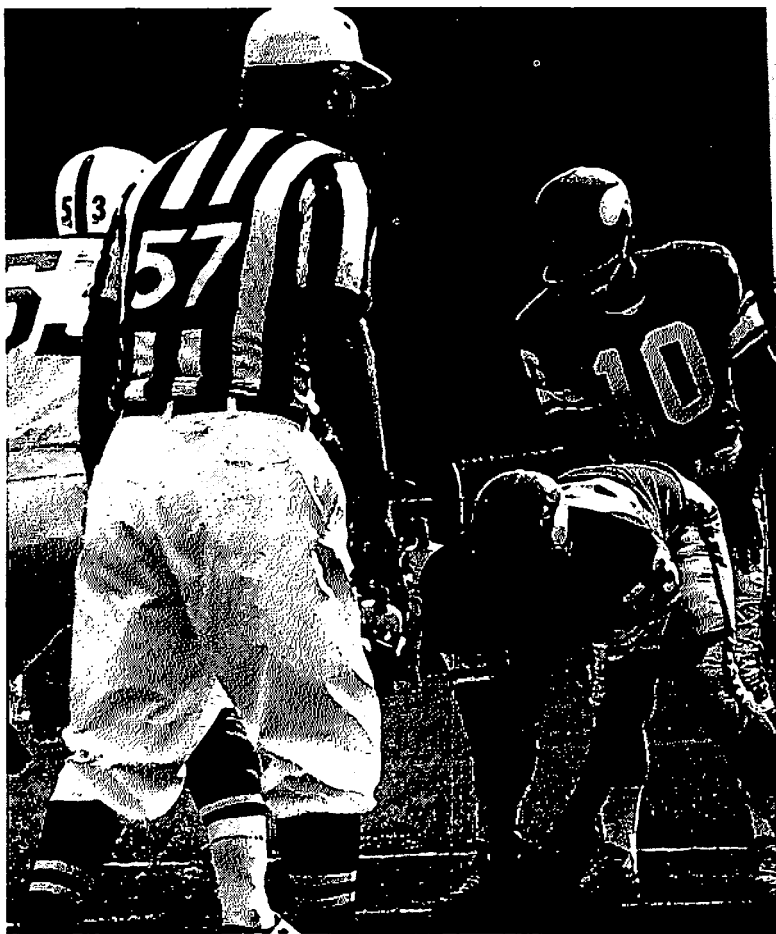
Neither is the job a bed of roses insofar as being removed from the violence. Many an official has been bowled over in the heat of action, flattened, run over . . . and they always get up and keep working. Schachter in

1969 suffered a snapped tendon in his right leg working a game between the Colts and Vikings. He could see that the Vikings' Joe Kapp was about to be sacked and worked himself behind Kapp as Joe got blitzed from the blind side. Kapp fumbled, and Norm moved farther to the action to keep the continuing play in focus when he stumbled and a Colt blocker ran right up his back as Schachter fell to the ground.

Result? Schachter spent the off-season doing five hours of therapy a day . . . exercising, riding that stationary bike five miles a day, swimming for 30 minutes during lunch breaks, taking whirlpool treatment and then walking two miles each night before retiring.

That takes a little something extra special, and the question is, how many guys up there in the stands doing all of the howling could handle it? For that matter, how many up there in the seats could answer two questions out of the rules book . . . or work fulltime as a dean of students, or law partner, or company president . . . and then officiate the most action-packed of all professional sports on the weekend?

Schachter, Bell and Schleibaum are the three we've discussed here. But there are a host of others who deserve a little special mention in this short treatise, and so we've decided to list some for you, with their backgrounds, length of service in the league and what their full-time occupation happens to be.



*Umpire Joe Connell (57) looks like middle linebacker as he awaits play.*

**REFEREES**—Bob Frederic from Colorado, president and owner of a large printing firm in Denver (8 years); Dick Jorgensen, senior vice-president of a bank in Champaign, Ill., (6 years); Fred Swearingen from Ohio U., president of sporting goods corporation in Athens, Ohio (14 years); and Jim Tunney,

Occidental College, senior vice-president of sports clothing manufacturing firm in Los Angeles (14 years). Add Bell and Schachter to this list, and you can see that the referees are pretty substantial people.

**UMPIRES**—Joe Connell of Pittsburgh, district sales manager of a large steel company (21 years);

Pat Harder of Wisconsin, former NFL star, now district sales manager of a packing firm in Milwaukee (8 years); Lou Palazzi of Penn State, a landscape architect in Dunmore, Pa. (22 years); and Tony Sacco from St. Ambrose, vice president of a chemical engineering firm in Chicago (16 years).

**HEAD LINESMEN**— Ed Marion of Penn, managing director of pension and profit-sharing program for large insurance company in Philadelphia (13 years); George Murphy of Southern Cal., a securities analyst in Coronado, Calif. (13 years); and Burl Toler, San Francisco U., now a high school principal with San Francisco Board of Education (8 years).

**LINE JUDGES**— Bill Wright of High Point, senior vice-president of a bank and trust company in High Point, N.C. (6 years); Bruce Alford of TCU, owner and president of building materials corporation in Ft. Worth, Tex. (13 years); and Art Holst of Knox College, president of a Promotion company and professional after-dinner speaker in Peoria, Ill. (9 years) . . . to add to Schleibaum.

**BACK JUDGES**— Adrian Burk, Baylor, former NFL player, now an attorney and law specialist in the fields of aviation and insurance in Houston, Tex. (6 years), Hugh Gamber of Dubuque, safety engineer in Davenport, Iowa (13 years); Bill Kestermeier of Rose Poly, a mechanical engineer in South Bend, Ind. (4 years); and John Steffen of Min-

nesota, an airline director of engineering administration in Miami (5 years.)

**FIELD JUDGES**— Bob Baur of Ohio U., owner and president of insurance agency in Athens, Ohio (10 years); Fritz Graf of Western Reserve, district manager of medical and hospital equipment company in Rochester, N. Y. (12 years); Charley Musser of No. Carolina St., oil company sales manager in Naperville, Ill. (8 years), and Tony Skover of Detroit, a land developer in Pompano Beach, Fla. (10 years.)

That's just a cross section of the kind of talent the NFL utilizes for its impressive list of officials. There's probably no more well-rounded professional group of arbiters in any game in the world today, and the magic eye of television and the instant replay has proven time and again the wisdom of virtually every call the officials make, calls which demand instant recognition of the infraction or interpretation and an instant reaction with the flag.

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